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01 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
02 TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1997
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04 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Good Morning. We will
05 reconvene the Delta Wetlands Properties hearing. We are
06 going to continue with cross-examination of the CUWA panel
07 by Delta Wetlands' attorneys.

08 Who is going to start?

09 MS. BRENNER: I will.

10 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Ms. Brenner, you requested
11 two hours for cross-examination. I will give you sixty
12 minutes to start, and we will see how you do at the end of
13 the 60 minutes.

14 MS. BRENNER: That will be fine.

15 MR. ROBERTS: If I may, Mr. Stubchaer.

16 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Yes.

17 MR. ROBERTS: We have three witnesses who we had in our
18 Notice of Intention who we are here for purposes of
19 cross-examination. I would just ask them to introduce
20 themselves.

21 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: They probably need to take
22 the oath.

23 MR. ROBERTS: Two have; one hasn't.

24 (Oath administered by Mr. Stubchaer.)

25 MR. ROBERTS: Would you like them to introduce

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01 themselves for the record?

02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Yes.

03 MR. McCOLLUM: For the record, I am Larry McCollum. I
04 am the Water Quality Superintendent for the Contra Costa
05 Waste District.

06 DR. WOLFE: My name is Roy Wolfe. I am Chair of the
07 California Urban Water Agencies Water Quality Committee. I
08 am also the Associate Director of Water Quality for the
09 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. I have
10 a Ph.D. in environmental science and have 17 years of
11 experience in the drinking water quality area.

12 DR. DENTON: My name is Richard Denton. I am the Water
13 Resources Manager of the Contra Costa Water District. I am
14 a registered civil engineer in California and have a Ph.D.
15 in civil engineering. I assisted Dr. Shum in the
16 preparation of CUWA Exhibit Number 7.

17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Proceed.

18 MS. BRENNER: Good morning. A couple of preliminary
19 matters before we move forward on the cross-examination.
20 As you recall, Mr. Stubchaer, we raised several objections
21 to the exhibits that were presented by CUWA last week. I
22 just wanted to indicate that you instructed me to tell you
23 this morning which ones were new information and which ones
24 were just a reformation of the information that was already
25 presented in other exhibits or in the testimony.

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01 I haven't pulled those out and made a list, so to
02 speak. But you will see, as we go through the
03 cross-examination, which ones are new and which ones are a
04 reformat of particular information, and, during that

05 reformation of the information, how they have changed the
06 information in a different way, or presented certain facts
07 and not other facts on those particular exhibits.

08 If you don't mind, I would like to just proceed and
09 indicate during the cross-examination process what has
10 occurred. And I think it will be pretty evident with the
11 questions being asked.

12 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Yes.

13 MR. ROBERTS: If you like, Mr. Stubchaer, I think each
14 of the witness that prepared those exhibits can briefly
15 describe where the information came from, if that would make
16 it any easier.

17 MS. BRENNER: I don't think that that is particularly
18 necessary. The cross-examination questions will indicate
19 where they've come from other exhibits and how they differ.

20 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Rather than do that at the
21 beginning, I think we will let that be developed during the
22 cross-examination.

23 MR. ROBERTS: We also have a revised 6E, per your
24 suggestion.

25 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Do you have copies
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01 available for everyone?

02 MR. ROBERTS: We do.

03 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Is this the first time you
04 have seen this, Ms. Brenner?

05 MS. BRENNER: The revised 6E?

06 HEARING OFFICER: Yes.

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08 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
09 BY DELTA WETLANDS PROPERTIES
10 BY MS. BRENNER

11 MS. BRENNER: I don't see winter yet.

12 How is this revised, can you tell me?

13 DR. LOSEE: This is Rich Losee.

14 This is the revised version of this figure. And what
15 you asked me to do was to extend this out so that the curve,
16 the biomass curve, properly corresponds to an entire year
17 cycle. That is what I have done here.

18 So the winter cycle comes after fall and before spring,
19 on this figure.

20 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: It appears that the
21 beginning and ending the points are the same instead of
22 being different.

23 DR. LOSEE: That is correct.

24 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: The ending point is now
25 below the Delta Wetlands' consumption.

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01 DR. LOSEE: That is correct. That was an oversight on
02 my part. It still shows the key parameter, and that is that
03 biomass fluctuates over time, and the maximum biomass is in
04 the late summer, early fall period.

05 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I know this is qualitative
06 and not quantitative, but is the Delta Wetlands' assumption
07 line, well, I am looking for a word, realistic in relation
08 to the biomass line?

09 DR. LOSEE: It is qualitative in that it is less than

10 the maximum biomass. And the implied assumption in their
11 calculation is that there a single value for biomass in
12 their work.

13 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: All right.

14 Ms. Brenner, we will give Delta Wetlands the
15 opportunity to study this and ask questions, if necessary.
16 You will have a break this morning, and we will see how the
17 time goes.

18 MS. BRENNER: Okay, That will be fine. Thank you.

19 As indicated in CUWA's exhibits as well their revised
20 exhibits and their testimony, they have focused on DOC, not
21 so much on DOC as it compares to the Delta Wetlands project
22 and no-project, but DOC as a containment in some odd sense
23 of that use of the word of the contaminant that they want
24 removed. What I am going to try to do in cross-examination
25 is focus on what I consider the issue before the Board; and
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01 that is, what's the difference between Delta Wetlands'
02 no-project situation with regard to DOC and Delta Wetlands
03 with the projects DOC.

04 You will see that kind of a focus, gentlemen.

05 I would like to start with Exhibit 8, and I spoke to
06 Mr. Roberts earlier this morning regarding Exhibit 8. I
07 wasn't sure who had actually testified as to Exhibit 8 and
08 determined that Dr. Shum was the person who prepared that
09 particular piece. I just have a couple questions.

10 Isn't it true that the quality of Delta Wetlands'
11 water is one matter and the effect of that water on export
12 another matter which is dependent upon a fraction of Delta
13 Wetlands' discharge water as compared to the total export?

14 DR. SHUM: In a very general sense, that is correct.

15 MS. BRENNER: Is the fraction simply Delta Wetlands'
16 discharge divided by the total export, using the monthly
17 average?

18 DR. SHUM: The simulation I have is not based on
19 monthly averages, per se. The discharge from the Delta
20 Wetlands is constant throughout the month, but the tidal
21 variation varies.

22 MS. BRENNER: You are trying to take a daily look at
23 the tidal influence in the Delta Wetlands' discharge?

24 DR. SHUM: What I did was I took one month, from the
25 17-year hydrology and used the corresponding Delta Wetlands'
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01 discharge during that month and also the exports, and used a
02 surrogate tidal variation to simulate the dispersion of that
03 discharge and how much of that gets to different intakes.

04 MS. BRENNER: But still a month, one-month average?

05 DR. SHUM: If you look at the figures I had, those are
06 not average values. For example, if you look at Figures 1,
07 2, 3, and 4, those are the actual daily variations. But
08 from that you can draw some very general conclusions on the
09 distribution.

10 MS. BRENNER: Those conclusions are basically the same
11 as what has been developed in the Environmental Impact
12 Report, aren't they?

13 DR. SHUM: I don't understand your --

14 MS. BRENNER: The conclusions, the numbers that you

15 reached, are substantially the same as the ones that were
16 reached. In this particular instance, the percentages that
17 you've reached are basically the same as the Environmental
18 Impact Report, aren't they?

19 DR. SHUM: I did not go into a comparison with the
20 numbers in the Draft EIR/EIS.

21 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true that the extensive modeling
22 efforts of Dr. Brown and Dr. List take tidal influence into
23 account?

24 DR. SHUM: To start with, Dr. List's exhibit in Delta
25 Wetlands 14 assumes a 19-year median level, as such, the
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01 tidal detailed variations are not taken into account,
02 explicitly. From what I understand in Dr. Brown's
03 simulation, he may have used DeltaMOVE or some other less
04 elaborate or less detailed models.

05 MS. BRENNER: But the intent of these models is to take
06 those tidal influences into account, aren't they?

07 DR. SHUM: Which simulations are you referring to?

08 MS. BRENNER: Both of them.

09 DR. SHUM: Both, meaning Dr. Brown?

10 MS. BRENNER: Yes.

11 DR. SHUM: I am not sure that Dr. Brown's simulation
12 takes tidal variation into account.

13 MS. BRENNER: Your efforts or your calculations weren't
14 a modeling run?

15 DR. SHUM: My own Exhibit 8?

16 MS. BRENNER: Yes. Did you use a model to develop that
17 exhibit?

18 DR. SHUM: Yes. As I discussed in the exhibit in the
19 text, I used the Fischer Delta Model.

20 MS. BRENNER: So, you used the same model as Dr. List
21 did?

22 DR. SHUM: That is correct. But the input data in
23 terms of tidal variation are different.

24 MR. CORNELIUS: Could you tell us a little more
25 explicitly where your Exhibit 8 is, so we can find it and
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01 follow it.

02 MS. BRENNER: It is a piece of testimony that CUWA
03 presented as Exhibit 8 in their original --

04 MR. CORNELIUS: Their summary.

05 MS. BRENNER: Original direct summary. It just doesn't
06 have any particular name associated with it, as to who.

07 MR. CORNELIUS: I was trying to find the figures, and I
08 was having difficulty.

09 MS. BRENNER: The figures were brought in.

10 MR. MADDOW: Starting Page 13.

11 MR. CORNELIUS: Thank you.

12 MS. BRENNER: Mr. Krasner, good morning.

13 MR. KRASNER: Good morning.

14 MS. BRENNER: How are you?

15 MR. KRASNER: Pretty good. How about yourself?

16 MS. BRENNER: Doing good.

17 MR. KRASNER: Just being polite.

18 MS. BRENNER: That is okay.

19 A Day in the Life of TOC.

20 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

21 MS. BRENNER: You indicated that your Day in the Life
22 of TOC chart started at a particular place, and we talked a
23 little bit about that last time with Mr. Nomellini.

24 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

25 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true that this would be more
1067 correctly called a Day in the Life of TOC starting at the
01 intake to the water plant?

02 MR. KRASNER: No. I was trying to show a Day in the
03 Life. The afternoon was what happened at the treatment
04 plant. The morning was what happened in the Delta.

05 MS. BRENNER: TOC is not DOC, is it?

06 MR. KRASNER: In terms of our studies in the Delta,
07 about 90 to 96 percent of the total organic carbon in these
08 waters is dissolved organic carbon. The additional five to
09 ten percent, particularly in organic carbon, is a very
10 insignificant part of the total organic carbon. So you can
11 use the two terms, in the cases of the exports,
12 interchangeably.

13 MS. BRENNER: Your chart is really reflecting the time
14 period that begins at the treatment plant?

15 MR. KRASNER: That was CUWA Exhibit 5A showed what
16 happened at the treatment plant. And CUWA Exhibit 5B gave
17 an example of what happens in the Delta.

18 MS. BRENNER: We are going to take a look at 5B. I am
19 just talking about 5A.

20 MR. KRASNER: Right; that is the afternoon.

21 MS. BRENNER: Afternoon, starting at the treatment
22 plant.

23 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

24 MS. BRENNER: You want to put 5B up, Patty?
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01 We look at -- can you tell me how much of the THM
02 production is attributable to DOC and how much is
03 attributable to bromides in this figure?

04 MR. KRASNER: Actually, it is a combination of both.
05 Therefore, one would have to actually refer to -- I believe
06 it is in my written testimony, CUWA Exhibit 5. I am looking
07 for the appropriate figure.

08 MS. BRENNER: This is reflecting after THM treatment;
09 isn't it?

10 MR. KRASNER: Correct. After chlorination.

11 MS. BRENNER: After chlorination. So, you have to look
12 at this figure in mind that part of this is developed
13 because of bromide not because of just DOC?

14 MR. KRASNER: Actually, that is not correct.

15 MS. BRENNER: Why isn't that correct, if only a portion
16 of it is attributable to DOC?

17 MR. KRASNER: Can I take a moment and explain? In CUWA
18 Exhibit 5, if you look at Figure 2 and Figure 3, that shows
19 -- first of all, the data that you see on CUWA Exhibit 5B
20 was derived from CUWA Exhibit 5, Figure 2, where I just
21 extracted the median and 90th percentile trihalomethane
22 levels for Sacramento River and H.O. Banks. And that data
23 is shown on a weight basis.

24 However, in CUWA Exhibit 5, Figure 3, I show that same

25 data on a molar basis. And on a molar basis, basically, you
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01 are looking at how many molecules of trihalomethane you
02 formed regardless of whether they contain chlorine or
03 bromine. The reason we do that is because bromine weighs
04 twice as much as chlorine. So, when you look at only on a
05 weight basis, you might get a false sense of which is
06 contributing. But when you look at the molar figure, Figure
07 3, you see where this is strictly due to the increase in
08 total organic carbon resulting in increased trihalomethane
09 formation. So, there is no bromide effect in Figure 3.

10 MS. BRENNER: That doesn't answer the question with
11 regard to Exhibit 5B, though. I am talking about Exhibit
12 5B.

13 I know where you obtained the information to develop
14 Exhibit 5B, but 5B is not the same as Figure 2 or Figure 3.

15 MR. KRASNER: 5B is using data exactly from Figure 2.

16 MS. BRENNER: I understand that it uses the data, but
17 it is not the same presentation of that data?

18 MR. KRASNER: No. It is bar chart rather than box and
19 whisker; it's the same information.

20 MS. BRENNER: It is a little bit different than that.
21 If we take a look at Figure 2, on Figure 2, your original
22 Figure 2, you showed the maximum THMs after treatment,
23 didn't you?

24 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

25 MS. BRENNER: Is that reflected in your Exhibit 5B?
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01 MR. KRASNER: No.

02 MS. BRENNER: The 75th percentile of DOC, is that
03 reflected anywhere?

04 MR. KRASNER: The 75th percentile of trihalomethane?

05 MS. BRENNER: Actually, we can back up.

06 MR. KRASNER: Okay.

07 MS. BRENNER: You've got the 90th and median of Exhibit
08 5B?

09 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

10 MS. BRENNER: On Figure 2 you have maximum, 90th, 75th,
11 median, 25th, and 10th?

12 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

13 MS. BRENNER: As well as de minimis.

14 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

15 MR. BRENNER: Several of those particular spots are not
16 on this Exhibit B?

17 MR. KRASNER: Correct. I am showing two of the five
18 statistical values.

19 MS. BRENNER: Part of that is that you are not showing
20 the minimum nor are you showing the maximum?

21 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

22 MS. BRENNER: Do you have a sense of what the 75th
23 percentile for DOC would be?

24 MR. KRASNER: Yes. I show that on CUWA Exhibit 5,
25 Figure 1. And the 75th percentile for total organic carbon
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01 at H.O. Banks is between four and five milligrams per liter,
02 approximately four and a half.

03 MS. BRENNER: Approximately four and a half.

04 Do you know how many times a year the DOC is above this
05 number?

06 MR. KRASNER: Above four and a half?

07 MS. BRENNER: Right.

08 MR. KRASNER: The way cumulative probabilities
09 statistics work is 25th percent of the time you will be
10 above this 75th percentile.

11 MS. BRENNER: You will be above four and a half DOC?

12 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

13 MS. BRENNER: How many times is it at a 25th
14 percentile?

15 MR. KRASNER: Exactly at 25th?

16 MS. BRENNER: In the 25th percentile number?

17 MR. KRASNER: It will be -- the way cumulative
18 probabilities statistics work is you will be once at the
19 25th percentile, and 75 percent of the time you will be
20 above the 25th percentile.

21 MS. BRENNER: What is the 25th percentile number?

22 MR. KRASNER: That is approximately three milligrams
23 per liter.

24 MS. BRENNER: Isn't your Figure 2 a more comprehensive
25 of range and probability of THMs being formed after the
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01 treatment in your Exhibit 5B?

02 MR. KRASNER: It provides additional information, but I
03 wouldn't say it is necessarily comprehensive. Typically, if
04 one wants the best summaries of information, the median
05 occurrence and the 90th occurrence, 90th percentile
06 occurrence, gives you the typical occurrence at the median;
07 and the situation that one has to deal with in terms of the
08 outliers, that you still have to be able to control in order
09 to comply with regulation.

10 MS. BRENNER: You still have to be concerned with the
11 maximum and the minimum, don't you?

12 MR. KRASNER: Oh, yes.

13 MS. BRENNER: And you are not reflecting those
14 particular numbers in Exhibit 5, are you?

15 MR. KRASNER: No.

16 MS. BRENNER: Can you tell me what is the mean on the
17 75th percentile of the real treatment plant value?

18 MR. KRASNER: Not the data I have here, but at the
19 actual plants?

20 MS. BRENNER: Yes, at the actual plants.

21 MR. KRASNER: I don't know about all the plants in
22 California, but I know, for example, at our Mills Treatment
23 Plant, which gets water from Lake Silverwood, the
24 trihalomethane levels from that plant tend to run between 60
25 and 90 micrograms per liter. We have on occasion reached
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01 either a hundred micrograms per liter or in the
02 distribution system of our member agencies, we've gone above
03 a hundred micrograms per liter.

04 MS. BRENNER: Figure 2 is a simulated test, isn't it?

05 MR. KRASNER: Because we don't have H.O. Banks water,
06 it is a bench scale test which evaluates both the impact of
07 coagulation and chlorination on byproduct formation. In our
08 simulations, we have documented in peer review literature

09 exactly match the full scale data.

10 MS. BRENNER: You utilized an assumption, 8, 16, and 32
11 milligrams per liter of DOC release in your testimony,
12 correct?

13 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

14 MS. BRENNER: These assumptions did not derive from a
15 qualitative or a quantitative projection of actually DOC
16 loading and increase of DOC by the Delta Wetlands' islands,
17 do they?

18 MR. KRASNER: The 8 value was derived from information
19 provided by Dr. Kavanaugh. In terms of the 32 value, the
20 calculations in Dr. Losee's exhibit indicated that the
21 loading in the reservoir might be on the order of 30. So I
22 took 16 as an intermediate value to do a sensitivity
23 analysis of what would happen at these three levels.

24 MS. BRENNER: Your 30 value comes from Dr. Losee's
25 vegetated biomass production of DOC?

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01 MR. KRASNER: Let's have Dr. Losee answer.

02 MS. BRENNER: I am just asking you where you got your
03 numbers.

04 MR. KRASNER: I got the 30 from Dr. Losee.

05 MS. BRENNER: What I want to know, is did that 30
06 include just vegetated biomass or is there also the
07 adductive transpiration mechanism come into play?

08 DR. LOSEE: Rich Losee.

09 That number was strictly looking at potential releases
10 from the sediments itself. In addition to release from
11 sediment, there would be production by photosynthesis.

12 MS. BRENNER: So, it is your opinion that you are
13 going to have 30 milligrams per liter DOC released from the
14 peat soil?

15 DR. LOSEE: That is a possibility. It could be that
16 very much. That is correct.

17 MS. BRENNER: It could be, plus the vegetative at the
18 biomass?

19 DR. LOSEE: That is correct.

20 MS. BRENNER: Okay.

21 DR. LOSEE: These are shallow systems and there is
22 light and nutrients, so there is going to be photosynthesis
23 occurring there.

24 MS. BRENNER: We will talk about those mechanisms in a
25 little bit.

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01 If we start with your suggestion of 8, that would mean
02 that we need an additional loading of 4 milligrams per
03 liter, because the water coming onto the islands is
04 oftentimes, if you take a median, about 44 milligrams per
05 liter, correct?

06 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

07 MS. BRENNER: You need a loading or an addition of four?

08 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

09 MS. BRENNER: The 17 months that you analyzed includes
10 more than one year of operations, doesn't it?

11 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

12 MS. BRENNER: In your 17 months, you have two Julys,
13 two Augusts, and as Septembers?

14 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

15 MS. BRENNER: In order to get an average annual number,
16 shouldn't we calculate an average of 12 months and just one
17 cycle of Delta Wetlands' operations?

18 MR. KRASNER: Yes. What I did was running averages.
19 So I didn't average all 17 data points together. I did
20 running averages.

21 MS. BRENNER: You didn't do an average of just a 12
22 month?

23 MR. KRASNER: I have done that as well, yes.

24 MS. BRENNER: But in your testimony, you only did a 17
25 month; two July, two August, two September run?

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01 MR. KRASNER: They were part of the running averages
02 that were analyzed, yes.

03 MS. BRENNER: You didn't go all the way to the end of
04 the year, the second year, you stopped at the 17 months
05 instead of going to the 24?

06 MR. KRASNER: Right. Because --

07 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Let him answer.

08 MR. KRASNER: The main reason that I didn't need to do
09 the analysis for the other months was my analysis for the
10 winter months, where there would be no reservoir releases,
11 showed what the impact of the project would be, a slight
12 decrease at that time. So I could have done the analysis
13 for the other months, but we would have had the same impact.
14 I was focusing on two different water years, what would
15 happen with the impact of the reservoir releases.

16 MS. BRENNER: You are not adding to that equation the
17 benefit that occurs in the winter months?

18 MR. KRASNER: Yes, I do.

19 MS. BRENNER: Once you do?

20 MR. KRASNER: No. Because as you do a running average,
21 you are always including a combination of winter and summer
22 periods.

23 MS. BRENNER: Can you just explain to me what you mean
24 by running average?

25 MR. KRASNER: Yes. In the regulation lays for

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01 trihalomethanes, compliance is based on doing a running
02 average of your trihalomethane levels collected in different
03 seasons of the year. So, for example, if you were looking
04 at compliance, you would look at what your running -- what
05 your average was for 1996. As you go into 1997, you don't
06 wait until an entire year of 1997. You take the last
07 three-quarters of 1996 and average it with the first quarter
08 in '97, or the first season, and a running average is just
09 continually doing that.

10 MS. BRENNER: If we look at your example of 16
11 milligrams per liter, it would be necessary to have a
12 loading of 12 milligram per liter of DOC, wouldn't it?

13 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

14 MS. BRENNER: That is three times the incremental
15 loading as compared to current ag drainage from Delta
16 Wetlands' island; isn't that correct?

17 MR. KRASNER: Would you repeat that question, please?

18 MS. BRENNER: 12 milligrams per liter of DOC loading or

19 increase is three times the incremental loading as compared
20 to current ag drainage from the Delta Wetlands' island;
21 isn't that correct?
22 MR. KRASNER: No.
23 MS. BRENNER: No?
24 MS. KRASNER: No.
25 MS. BRENNER: What is your testimony with regard to the
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01 current ag drainage loading from the Delta Wetlands'
02 islands?
03 MR. KRASNER: That information is in CUWA Exhibit 5,
04 Table 6. And you want the number on a -- but the data is in
05 there or it is also in the figure that I showed, 5G.
06 MS. BRENNER: What does your Table 6 indicate as what
07 the total base case condition loading is?
08 MR. KRASNER: Which month?
09 MS. BRENNER: Pick spring.
10 MR. KRASNER: If we look, for example, at April, that
11 could be, potentially, of the order of 20 milligrams per
12 liter of total organic carbon in the drainage.
13 MS. BRENNER: That is ag?
14 MR. KRASNER: Yes.
15 MS. BRENNER: Take a look at another month, and tell me
16 what you come up with.
17 MR. KRASNER: Another month. If I look at September,
18 that could be of the order, perhaps, 7 milligrams per liter
19 of total organic carbon. See, the agricultural --
20 MR. CORNELIUS: Excuse me. Table 6 is seven pages
21 long. Could you tell me which page it is on, for the
22 record?
23 MR. KRASNER: Because we were using the example of 16
24 milligrams per liter from the Delta Wetlands Project
25 release, I am looking at Page 3 of Table 6.
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01 MR. CORNELIUS: Thank you.
02 MR. KRASNER: That was when I looked at, for example,
03 September; that drainage value was 6.9 milligrams per
04 liter. And April, it was 21.7 milligrams per liter. The
05 agricultural drainage, the loading varies during the year.
06 It is different during the winter leaching periods than it
07 is during the summer irrigation.
08 MS. BRENNER: What is the average?
09 MR. KRASNER: I don't use averages mainly because the
10 values change over the course of the year, and they have
11 different impacts at different times of the year.
12 MS. BRENNER: There is certain times of the year when
13 your 16 milligrams per liter DOC, as you assumed, is going
14 to be approximately three times the amount of the ag
15 drainage?
16 MR. KRASNER: No.
17 MS. BRENNER: You don't think so?
18 MR. KRASNER: The ag drainage, if you look at the data
19 that I give, has values between 6 in the and little over 40
20 milligrams per liter.
21 MS. BRENNER: How does that compare to your high end
22 assumption of 32 milligrams per liter DOC?
23 MR. KRASNER: The 32 milligrams per liter is in the

24 range of 6 to 40 milligrams per liter; so it's within that
25 range of what is in agricultural drainage.

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01 MS. BRENNER: Do you think the reservoir islands could
02 provide as much DOC as ag drainage?

03 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

04 MS. BRENNER: Did you review the Delta drainage water
05 quality, DWQ, analysis?

06 MR. KRASNER: Which one was that?

07 MS. BRENNER: Delta DWQ, drainage water quality.

08 MR. KRASNER: Is that the material from the Draft
09 Environmental Impact Report?

10 MS. BRENNER: It is in there also, yes.

11 MR. KRASNER: I am not sure I know specifically which
12 item you are referring to.

13 MS. BRENNER: This is a State Water Resources Control
14 Board's method of analysis which considers the number of
15 hydrological conditions. Are you familiar with that?

16 MR. KRASNER: Could you please repeat that question?

17 MS. BRENNER: I am just trying to explain to you what
18 the Delta DWQ is. It is a method of analysis done by the
19 Board which considers a number of hydrologic conditions; it
20 is a simulation and calculation over a 25-day period.

21 MR. KRASNER: Yes. I am familiar with that.

22 MS. BRENNER: Is there an error or mistake in that
23 analysis which led to you recalculate that data?

24 MR. KRASNER: I don't believe I recalculated that
25 data.

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01 MS. BRENNER: You did a calculation that came to the
02 same, using the -- coming to the same type of information.
03 That was your 17-month analysis, correct?

04 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

05 MS. BRENNER: Is there a reason why you didn't use the
06 Delta DWQ analysis?

07 MR. KRASNER: Yes. In the Department of Water
08 Resources report that they put out in June 1990 on the
09 Delta Island Drainage Investigation Report, they evaluated
10 17 months and looked at loading of dissolved organic carbon,
11 total organic carbon, and disinfection byproduct
12 precursors. The reason that I didn't use the same analysis
13 was I didn't have in hand their tools. So I used my own
14 analysis to, first, verify that I could come up with the
15 same results on a no-project condition, just looking at
16 agricultural drainage.

17 Then, once I confirmed that I could use my own tools
18 and get a similar result, I then went and put in the project
19 conditions to evaluate.

20 MS. BRENNER: But your analysis only took 17 months
21 into consideration versus 25 years, correct?

22 MR. KRASNER: I was only looking at the same 17 months
23 that the DWR had done in this report. Let me just briefly
24 explain why I picked that.

25 Sometimes, if you look at 25 years and you look at a

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01 25-year average, you can get misled a little bit because you
02 might find that the DOC loading or the trihalomethane levels

03 would be acceptable. But because the regulations for both
04 the controlled total organic carbon and trihalomethanes
05 have to be met every year, you are not allowed to do a
06 25-year average.

07 So, I wanted to pick some data and do an analysis to
08 see what would happen in a project condition; and, so,
09 again, this data showed that under these conditions you
10 would have a problem complying with the regulations.

11 MR. CORNELIUS: Excuse me, is that in the record some
12 place so that we could refer to that?

13 MR. KRASNER: This report?

14 MR. CORNELIUS: Yes.

15 MR. KRASNER: The only place that I referred to it in
16 the record is in my exhibit. I do cite all of the places
17 from which I've obtained data. So I cite this report by
18 Department of Water Resources and give a complete citation.
19 We have not, as CUWA, entered it, but it is a public
20 document.

21 MR. CORNELIUS: It is a public document?

22 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

23 MR. CORNELIUS: If worse came to worse, we can take
24 official notice on that.

25 MS. LEIDIGH: I would like to point out that. Even
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01 though it is public document. It is not a document in this
02 hearing record unless it is offered into evidence.

03 MR. KRASNER: That is one reason why I did my own
04 analysis and just provided my own interpretation of what the
05 organic carbon loading would be during the no-project
06 condition, and then evaluated the project conditions.

07 So, I really wasn't attempting to put this into
08 evidence; I just cited where I got some of my information.
09 But I provided what I thought was stand-alone information in
10 my own exhibit.

11 MR. ROBERTS: If you like, we could submit that by
12 reference or attempt to submit it by reference.

13 MR. CORNELIUS: I would think that would be
14 appropriate, in case we wanted to check on it. If we have a
15 piece that is outside the record, it is hard to verify.

16 MS. BRENNER: Take a look at Exhibit 5.

17 We show a potential limit of 40 micrograms per liter of
18 THM on this exhibit, correct?

19 MR. KRASNER: 40 micrograms per liter, yes.

20 MS. BRENNER: How are utilities going to meet these
21 Stage II requirements?

22 MR. KRASNER: In a number of ways. We have done a
23 compliance forecast, and I am trying to see if I included it
24 in this exhibit. Yes, I have.

25 If you look at CUWA Exhibit 5, Table 3. I show what
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01 was the compliance forecast for surface water systems to
02 comply with the Stage II regulation. And in there, it is a
03 combination of many choices. Utilities will use enhanced
04 coagulation for the removal of total organic carbon. There
05 will also be some utilities who will need to use either
06 granular -- may need to use granular activated carbons for
07 more efficient removal of total organic carbon.

08 And in addition to the total organic carbon removal
09 technologies, there would be use of alternative
10 disinfectants, such as ozone and chlorines.

11 MS. BRENNER: Do you have the sense of the cost that it
12 would take some of the smaller utilities to do that?

13 MR. KRASNER: By smaller, what size do you mean?

14 MS. BRENNER: Utilities that are not using any type of
15 coagulation at this time or ozonation.

16 MR. KRASNER: By surface water systems, all surface
17 water systems use coagulation except for a limited number of
18 unfiltered supplies. So, coagulation, at least conventional
19 coagulation, are used by all the surface systems for the
20 unfiltered.

21 MS. BRENNER: But to meet the Stage II, some may need
22 to use enhanced coagulation?

23 MR. KRASNER: Yes. Or the introduction of granular
24 activated carbon.

25 MS. BRENNER: Do you have a sense of the cost?

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01 MR. KRASNER: Yes, I do. The cost of enhanced
02 coagulation, I actually provide these data in CUWA Exhibit
03 5. Just want to get the numbers that I provided. As I had
04 shown last week in my direct testimony, the cost of removing
05 total organic carbon to meet the 25-percent removal
06 requirement in Stage I, which means if your influence of
07 total organic carbon is below 4, was \$26 per acre-foot
08 additional cost.

09 On the other hand, if you're over 4 milligrams per
10 liter in a particular month, you need to go to a 35-percent
11 removal requirement, and that is a \$39 per acre-foot
12 additional cost.

13 For those utilities who may use ozone in addition to
14 enhanced coagulation, the cost for ozone tend to be similar
15 to enhanced coagulation when looked at over a 25-year period
16 capital and operation and maintenance.

17 In terms of granular activated carbon, on the other
18 hand, those costs are \$150 per acre-foot.

19 MS. BRENNER: Smaller utilities will have a hard time
20 meeting those type of costs, won't they?

21 MR. KRASNER: By what size do you mean smaller utility?
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23 MS. BRENNER: The ones that don't have ozonation, don't
24 have the type of methods that are necessary to meet the
25 Stage II requirements.

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01 MR. KRASNER: Could you ask that question again? We
02 have a different term --

03 MS. BRENNER: I will ask you in a different way.

04 Stage II requirements are not implemented right now,
05 are they?

06 MR. KRASNER: That is not completely true. There are
07 many parameters in the agreed upon Stage I rule, which
08 directly utilize the 40 microgram per liter trihalomethane
09 standard as one of the regulatory requirements in Stage I.
10 So, there is indirect implementation of certain Stage II
11 requirements as part of Stage I.

12 MS. BRENNER: They are -- not all of the limits set

13 forth in Stage II are implemented at this time, are they?
14 The 2.0 milligrams per liter TOC is not?

15 MR. KRASNER: No. I should say that it is in there in
16 that you don't have to do enhanced coagulation if your
17 influent water or your settled water has less than 2
18 milligrams.

19 Actually, it was very clear how things were crafted.
20 Every element that you see in the Stage II is indirectly an
21 element in the Stage I regulation agreed to and signed upon
22 last Tuesday.

23 MS. BRENNER: But the limits that are placed on the
24 water treatment plants are not the same as in the Stage II
25 as in Stage I? And I will ask you another question on top
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01 of that, and we will give you two questions at once.

02 Doesn't EPA consider the cost to implement Stage II
03 before it actually promulgates that particular rule?

04 MR. KRASNER: We already have considered the cost
05 during the 1992-1993 negotiated rate regulations.

06 MS. BRENNER: Those regulations will be implemented and
07 required if they can be met, taking cost into consideration,
08 with or without the Delta Wetlands Project?

09 MR. KRASNER: Let me answer in this sense. The cost
10 figures that we came up with for both Stage I and Stage II
11 of the regulation, we did a full regulatory impact analysis,
12 and felt that those costs could be met. One thing that is
13 important to recognize is that when the EPA developed best
14 available technology to comply with both the Stage I and
15 Stage II standard, they looked at what could -- what was
16 both technically feasible and what could be afforded. So
17 those have already been examined.

18 MS. BRENNER: With or without the Delta Wetlands
19 Project?

20 MR. KRASNER: They weren't examining our water; they
21 were looking at the nation as a whole.

22 MS. BRENNER: Right. It didn't make any difference to
23 these regulations or to the treatment plant, these
24 regulations, if they are going to be implemented, and the
25 stages that they are going to implemented at will be
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01 required, with or without the Delta Wetlands Project?

02 MR. KRASNER: Yes. My testimony has been that the
03 Delta Wetlands Project will make it more difficult for
04 utilities to comply with the regulation and more costly.

05 MS. BRENNER: I understand your testimony. I just want
06 a simple yes-no kind of answer. It is a very simple
07 question.

08 These regulations will be implemented and required
09 whether Delta Wetlands goes on line or not?

10 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

11 MS. BRENNER: Thank you.

12 What range of DOC is your plant capable of treating?

13 MR. KRASNER: For what?

14 MS. BRENNER: DOC. What range of DOC can your plant
15 treat? What is the Met plant currently capable of treating?

16 MR. KRASNER: Typically, we get levels that are
17 generally below 4 milligrams per liter. Not only is that

18 what we are set up for, but also in terms of our designs for
19 implementing ozone, which the demand is based upon how much
20 total organic carbon you have in the water; we are not set
21 up for higher levels.

22 MS. BRENNER: You are not capable of treating any TOC
23 over 4.0 or DOC over 4.0?

24 DR. WOLFE: Can I jump in. This is Roy Wolfe.
25 Our treatment plant processes are not designed to
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01 remove TOC at this time. So we don't really remove TOC.
02 The processes that are in place are not designed to remove
03 TOC. So if a TOC at 5 came in, that is about what would go
04 out of the treatment plant.

05 MS. BRENNER: You don't treat TOC?

06 DR. WOLFE: We don't treat TOC at this time, no; that
07 is correct.

08 MS. BRENNER: You don't regulate or determine what the
09 rate of TOC or DOC coming in or going out?

10 MR. KRASNER: We do.

11 MS. BRENNER: You monitor it, but you don't treat it?

12 DR. WOLFE: Correct.

13 MS. BRENNER: So, if it is 6.0, doesn't make any
14 difference?

15 MR. KRASNER: That is not correct.

16 MS. BRENNER: Well, you don't treat it?

17 MR. KRASNER: Are you saying it makes no difference
18 what the 1979 THM regulation or the --

19 MS. BRENNER: Today, today. If you get TOC at 6.0,
20 you don't treat it?

21 MR. KRASNER: We do treat the water. It also impacts
22 our chlorine demand. So, it would actually -- we're set up
23 to meet the current hundred microgram per liter THM standard
24 based on water that has a total organic carbon level of less
25 than 4. If we had a water that had, as you suggested, 6
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01 milligrams per liter, we would, one, increase our chlorine
02 demand, and, two, form more trihalomethane, so we exceed the
03 current hundred microgram per liter standard.

04 MS. BRENNER: Do you currently use coagulation at your
05 plant?

06 MR. KRASNER: Yes, we do.

07 MS. BRENNER: What percentage removal do you achieve
08 with that process?

09 MR. KRASNER: With the plants that treat state project
10 water, probably, generally is no more than ten percent of
11 total organic carbon.

12 MS. BRENNER: So ten percent?

13 DR. WOLFE: It is not designed to remove TOC, but,
14 using the coagulation process at the level we do, we
15 inherently remove a smaller amount of TOC. But it is
16 certainly not designed to remove TOC.

17 MS. BRENNER: You testified about a 20 percent safety
18 factor for the less than or equal to 80 percent of the MCL
19 standard. Is that an explicit regulatory requirement by the
20 EPA?

21 MR. KRASNER: Yes, it is. First, as I mentioned
22 before, when EPA developed the best available technologies

23 and analyzed what were the maximum contaminant levels that
24 they were setting, the whole analysis that was done in the
25 regulatory impact analysis was based on not complying with

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01 an 80 microgram per liter THM standard, but 80 percent of
02 that value, 64 micrograms per liter.

03 In addition, in the new Stage I standard that was
04 approved, one of the other parameters to make sure that
05 utilities do not compromise their microbial protection by
06 altering their disinfection processes, any utility whose
07 trihalomethane levels were greater than 64 micrograms per
08 liter have to explicitly do a profiling of three units of
09 disinfection practices, which they will use to establish a
10 benchmark, and then they will need to operate no lower than
11 that benchmark when they make changes to comply with the
12 rule.

13 And this benchmark, actually, we have done the analysis
14 at our plant, will require us to actually have to apply a
15 higher disinfection criteria than there is the current
16 surface water treatment rule. So, the 64 is explicitly in
17 both the regulatory analysis and in the new framework of the
18 regulation.

19 MS. BRENNER: EPA requires that 20 percent safety
20 factor?

21 MR. KRASNER: They have deemed, based on both the
22 scientific and engineering information, that the utilities
23 need to operate at that level or lower to reliably, year in
24 year and year out, get to comply; and they also have deemed
25 that that is a level that they want utilities, if they are

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01 higher than that, to profile the disinfection practice to
02 make sure that any changes they make to stay below the 80
03 microgram per liter THM standard don't compromise
04 disinfection at the same time.

05 MS. BRENNER: Is it an explicit requirement that you do
06 that? That is my real question. Is that explicitly
07 required?

08 MR. KRASNER: The profiling for the disinfection is
09 explicitly required for systems that have more than 64
10 micrograms of THM.

11 MS. BRENNER: Is the 20 percent safety factor
12 explicitly required?

13 MR. KRASNER: It's explicitly assumed in the level that
14 EPA developed for compliance with the regulation. The
15 analysis that we did in regulatory impact analysis was that
16 if your trihalomethane levels were currently greater than 64
17 micrograms per liter, our analysis, you would need to make
18 changes in your practices to be able to reliably comply year
19 in and year out with the regulation.

20 MS. BRENNER: Are water treatment plants designed to
21 treat the range of variabilities of different water quality
22 parameters?

23 MR. KRASNER: Yes. But not all plants; some are.
24 Depends on if you're -- typically, utilities who are on
25 reservoir systems, generally, are not designed to treat a

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01 wide range of water qualities compared to systems that are,

02 for example, on rivers.

03 MS. BRENNER: They are designed to treat the natural
04 variabilities of the quality of the water that comes into
05 their plant?

06 MR. KRASNER: Depends on what the natural variability
07 has been historically. They are generally not set up to
08 treat future variabilities, but set up to treat historical
09 variability.

10 MS. BRENNER: Did you have something to add?

11 DR. WOLFE: No, I think that was a pretty good
12 answer.

13 MS. BRENNER: When the future becomes the present, I
14 guess, they treat that current range of variability, too?

15 MR. KRASNER: Actually, that is not correct. What I
16 mentioned earlier about we had occasions where, for example,
17 in our distribution system or member agencies, our
18 trihalomethane levels have either approached or exceeded a
19 hundred micrograms per liter. It was at a point in time
20 where the natural variability was higher than it had
21 historically been, and we were not set up to handle that
22 variability.

23 In fact, there are some utilities in California
24 treating Delta water who have experienced new natural
25 variability and have, as a result, actually, failed to

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01 comply with the trihalomethane standard of a hundred
02 micrograms per liter.

03 MS. BRENNER: And they make adjustments?

04 MR. KRASNER: In some cases they have, although not all
05 these adjustments have been made yet.

06 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true the compliance monitoring
07 for the current THM MCL and proposed DDT MCLs are based on
08 quarterly running annual averages and quarterly monitoring
09 as required?

10 MR. KRASNER: Yes. Although that formula is only a
11 temporary standard, and the EPA is currently evaluating the
12 potential for a more frequent standard of potentially
13 monitoring on a more frequent basis. That is one of the
14 reasons why in the current information collection role the
15 EPA is requiring utilities to not just collect data on a
16 quarterly basis, but monthly to look at the variability,
17 with the idea in mind, not for Stage I, but potentially for
18 Stage II, changing those requirements.

19 MS. BRENNER: Potentially, you could have a monthly,
20 but not a daily requirement?

21 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

22 MS. BRENNER: Currently, the quarterly are not
23 continuous monitoring as required for ascertaining DDT MCL
24 compliance as well as annual averaging of these results on a
25 quarterly basis; is that correct?

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01 MR. KRASNER: True. Today they are currently based on
02 -- maybe one thing that will help edify the reason why the
03 things are in the process of changing. The current
04 standard, and the reason it is based on an annual averaging
05 of quarterly values, the health effect is based on cancer.
06 So, there are many years of exposure to the result of the

07 person developing cancer from exposure.

08 MS. BRENNER: May I -- I understand that things are
09 going to change in the future, and Mr. Krasner has,
10 obviously, followed this quite closely. But what I am
11 interested in is: What are the standards today? What are
12 the probabilities of some sort of change? But I don't think
13 we need to keep going beyond what is currently regulated,
14 what the current regulations require of these water
15 treatment plants. We've had testimony regarding the Stage
16 II requirements. I have asked him about the Stage II
17 requirements. I'd really appreciate it if you can keep a
18 little bit more to the question.

19 MR. KRASNER: I thought the question was: Are these
20 going to be the future compliance monitoring requirements,
21 as well?

22 MS. BRENNER: No, that wasn't the question.

23 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I would appreciate as brief
24 answers as possible. You have a lot of knowledge,
25 obviously, but the time is --

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01 MR. KRASNER: I understand.

02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: -- a weapon.

03 MR. KRASNER: I thought she was trying to get at
04 future requirements as well as the present.

05 MS. BRENNER: You indicated that the future may be
06 monthly, and I acknowledged that. I wanted to make clear
07 for the record what the current monitoring requirements are.
08 And that is okay?

09 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

10 MS. BRENNER: Thank you.

11 You indicated that currently your operation treatment
12 plant includes coagulation, correct?

13 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

14 MS. BRENNER: Can you tell me what the cross of that
15 current treatment is?

16 MR. KRASNER: For treating the water?

17 MS. BRENNER: Should I be directing it to you, as well?

18 DR. WOLFE: I don't really know the answer to that
19 specific question.

20 MS. BRENNER: We can take it a step farther. You
21 indicated that the cost of removal TOC is \$26 per acre-foot
22 and \$39 acre-foot, correct?

23 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

24 MS. BRENNER: Is that the total removal cost or the
25 incremental cost of removal?

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01 MR. KRASNER: That is the incremental cost.

02 MS. BRENNER: Is that the cost to go from 30 to 40
03 percent removal?

04 MR. KRASNER: You're talking about the removal of TOC?

05 MS. BRENNER: Right.

06 MR. KRASNER: The \$26 was the incremental cost for us
07 at Metropolitan to be able to remove 25 percent total
08 organic carbon; and the \$39 per acre-foot was the
09 incremental cost to be able to get the TOC removal up to 35
10 percent.

11 MS. BRENNER: One is a cost for 25 and the other one is

12 for 35 percent removal?
13 MR. KRASNER: Correct.
14 MS. BRENNER: These costs will be incurred whether
15 Delta Wetlands is discharging water or not, correct?
16 MR. KRASNER: No.
17 MS. BRENNER: No? You won't have to have a 25 percent
18 removal or 35 percent removal of TOC whether Delta Wetlands
19 is discharging water or not?
20 MR. KRASNER: Correct.
21 MS. BRENNER: The median of DOC in the waters is what,
22 currently?
23 MR. KRASNER: At our treatment plant?
24 MS. BRENNER: Yes.
25 MR. KRASNER: At our plant, specifically, our levels
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01 range between 3 and 4 milligrams per liter. I haven't
02 computed the median?
03 MS. BRENNER: Have you ever had a high of over 4?
04 MR. KRASNER: Yes.
05 MS. BRENNER: You won't have to treat that?
06 MR. KRASNER: Again, I have to give you more detailed
07 information about the regulation. Take a moment, but I can
08 do it quickly.
09 MS. BRENNER: Will you have to remove a certain
10 percentage of that DOC if it is over 4.0 and you receive it
11 in your treatment plant?
12 MR. KRASNER: On a monthly basis?
13 MS. BRENNER: Running quarterly average.
14 MR. KRASNER: We will indirectly, yes, have to remove
15 some of that TOC; that will be part of our requirements.
16 MS. BRENNER: That is if Delta Wetlands is discharging
17 water or not?
18 MR. KRASNER: Actually, the Delta Wetlands will
19 greatly change what our compliance requirements will be.
20 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: That doesn't answer the
21 question.
22 MR. KRASNER: In the regulation, there is an alternate
23 performance requirement. The figure that we showed earlier,
24 CUWA Exhibit 5C, showed the normal requirements for probably
25 about 90 percent of the systems we have to meet. There are
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01 alternate performance criteria.
02 One of those criteria is if -- as I mentioned, Stage I
03 is based on an 80 microgram per liter trihalomethane
04 standard with these removal requirements for total organic
05 carbon. However, for a system that treats water with a
06 total organic carbon level less than 4 milligrams per liter,
07 an alkalinity greater than 60 milligrams per liter, and to
08 achieve Stage I of the rule, trihalomethane levels less
09 than 40 micrograms per liter does not have to also meet the
10 25 percent TOC removal requirement. They have alternate
11 performance criteria.
12 MS. BRENNER: That criteria applies whether Delta
13 Wetlands is discharging water or not, and you receive a
14 variety of natural variation of DOC into your treatment
15 plant currently without the Delta Wetlands Project?
16 MR. KRASNER: Without the project we would be able to

17 stay below the 4 milligrams per liter and be able to take
18 advantage of that alternate performance criteria.
19 My calculations have shown, with the project we would
20 exceed the 4 milligrams per liter. If you look at Dr.
21 Kavanaugh's testimony, he, for example, shows information on
22 Alameda County; and they have total organic carbon levels
23 that average, I believe it was 5 milligrams per liter in his
24 testimony. They have to meet both the 80 microgram per
25 liter standard and remove 35 percent of the TOC.

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01 If the project results in our being at similar
02 situation, we to have to meet the additional requirements.

03 MS. BRENNER: So, your assumption with this is that 8,
04 16 or 32 milligrams per liter of loading would will occur,
05 correct?

06 MR. KRASNER: Yes. Actually, I didn't assume the
07 eight; Dr. Kavanaugh did.

08 MS. BRENNER: You utilized the 8 in your analysis?

09 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

10 MS. BRENNER: The 8 may not raise to the level of
11 requiring or jumping you over the 4.0?

12 MR. KRASNER: I'm looking at my table to check. I do
13 know that we have gotten, as I mentioned, typically, our
14 highest loading of total organic carbon at our plant, takes
15 several waters, 3.9 something.

16 If we did have the Delta Wetlands Project, we have seen
17 as much as 1 milligram liter increase in total organic
18 carbon in a month. So the project could result, during the
19 season in which there are reservoir releases, are exceeding
20 4.

21 MS. BRENNER: That water gets mixed with other water,
22 doesn't it?

23 MR. KRASNER: In terms of the Silverwood, as I
24 mentioned, the water flows through rather quickly. There
25 isn't, quote-unquote, that much mixing.

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01 MS. BRENNER: There is some mixing?

02 MR. KRASNER: What?

03 MS. BRENNER: You are not getting all of Delta
04 Wetlands' water?

05 MR. KRASNER: You talked about three months in a row
06 of releases. You're diluting Delta Wetlands Project water
07 released in one month with Delta Wetlands Project water
08 released in the month, so it is diluting with itself.

09 MS. BRENNER: Can you check on the graph and tell me
10 what would 8 milligrams per liter --

11 MR. KRASNER: According to what I calculated, 8
12 milligrams per liter could potentially result in the water
13 at that plant exceeding 4 milligrams per liter.

14 MS. BRENNER: Do you have a percentage there on your
15 graph that tells you that?

16 MR. CORNELIUS: Is this a graph or this a table?

17 MS. BRENNER: He is looking at Table 6.

18 Take a look at your Table 6, Page 2. You have a Delta
19 Wetlands Project release of 8, fourth column in, and you
20 have a Delta outflow.

21 MR. KRASNER: I should explain this analysis is a

22 different analysis upon which I was answering the question.
23 This analysis was specifically only done to evaluate what
24 were the impacts of the project on the trihalomethane
25 levels. I have done other analyses to look at the impacts

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01 of the DOC.

02 MS. BRENNER: This is the DOC loading in the Delta,
03 isn't it? We're just talking about what the outflow DOC
04 range would be with the Delta Wetlands Project discharging
05 at 8.

06 MR. KRASNER: As was mentioned earlier, there was only
07 17 months worth of analysis, not the full 25 years. So,
08 again, I was only trying to evaluate using this data, just
09 to evaluate the impacts during such a similar period of time
10 on trihalomethane. Not using this to examine the TOC
11 impact, directly.

12 MS. BRENNER: What is the first number in the Delta
13 outflow column?

14 MR. KRASNER: Talking about for May?

15 MS. BRENNER: Delta outflow column for May.

16 MR. KRASNER: 2.6.

17 MS. BRENNER: If you go to Delta Wetlands Project
18 release, with your assumption of a DOC loading of 8, in the
19 month of July, what is the outflow?

20 MR. KRASNER: I showed in this particular analysis for
21 this particular water year approximately a two-tenths
22 increase in total organic carbon.

23 MS. BRENNER: What is the Delta outflow?

24 MR. KRASNER: July?

25 MS. BRENNER: Yes.

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01 MR. KRASNER: This specific month it was 3.1. However,
02 I should mention that this analysis shows that, under the
03 no-project condition, the TOC was 2.9. As I indicated a few
04 minutes ago, we typically don't see TOC levels that low at
05 the plant. The Silverwood water, that level tends to be
06 more in the range of 3 to 4; and as I mentioned, it has
07 gotten as high as 3.9. So a two-tenths milligram per liter
08 could put you over 4 under those conditions.

09 MS. BRENNER: Well, Delta Wetlands Project discharges
10 its water into the Delta, doesn't it, and then it mixes with
11 the water in the Delta?

12 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

13 MS. BRENNER: So you get a total Delta outflow, right?

14 MR. KRASNER: In the case you picked, I had looked at
15 this dilution factor. I should also mention, just for
16 completeness, that if you look at the instance where you
17 have 32 milligrams per liter, that same period of time, that
18 2.9, which I indicated was on the low side, ends up at 4.2.
19 That even with mixing in the Delta, it result in increasing
20 the exported water by over a milligram per liter.

21 MS. BRENNER: Let's take a look at August. The second
22 to the last entry. We have a Delta outflow of 3.2, correct?

23 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

24 MS. BRENNER: With the Delta Wetlands Project we have

25 3.3?

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01 MR. KRASNER: Well, it depends on which table. If you
02 look at Stage IV with a 32 milligrams per liter reservoir --
03 MS. BRENNER: We are just looking at 8. We can get
04 into 32.
05 MR. KRASNER: Yes, it was raised by about a tenth.
06 MS. BRENNER: At Page 20 of your testimony, you
07 discussed JSA's demonstration pond, vegetation, and soil
08 experiments. Are these the same experiments you discussed
09 in the 1994 AWWA Journal article in which you thanked Dr.
10 Brown and JSA for their cooperative research on wetlands
11 testing?
12 MR. KRASNER: Yes.
13 MS. BRENNER: Therefore, in your opinion, which will
14 produce more DOC, wetland or ag soils?
15 MR. KRASNER: Are you talking about in the soils
16 experiments?
17 MS. BRENNER: No. Just in your opinion.
18 MR. KRASNER: In my opinion, the wetlands.
19 MS. BRENNER: The wetlands will produce more DOC than
20 ag soils?
21 MR. KRASNER: The combination of the soil and the
22 vegetative biomass will.
23 MS. BRENNER: Is that what you indicated in your 1994
24 AWWA Journal?
25 MR. KRASNER: Yes. In fact, I have a copy here.
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01 MS. BRENNER: So do I. You know, I read through it
02 rather carefully. I noted in that article that the
03 experience in the Delta support the conclusion that more TOC
04 and THMFP can be extracted from the soil in ag tracts than
05 from that of a wetlands?
06 MR. KRASNER: Let me answer that since you threw out
07 two things. One was the TOC level; the other was the DDT
08 formation levels. The first was, I indicated that you can't
09 examine just the amount of TOC in the experiment. You have
10 to look at the volume. So, on a mass loading, these are a
11 different situation. That was what I was attempting to show
12 in CUWA Exhibit 5G. You have to look, not just at the
13 concentrations, but at mass load. Again, this was based
14 upon earlier work that Dr. Brown had done showing that you
15 need to examine, not just the concentrations, but the volume
16 and mass load.
17 I also indicated in the article that when you examine
18 the agricultural soil and the Delta Wetlands' soil, the unit
19 of reduction of trihalomethanes per unit of total organic
20 carbon was identical, that they had similar reactivities.
21 So if you end up with a scenario with a sufficient volume
22 and mass loading of DOC from Delta Wetlands' reservoir
23 release, it will have the same -- it can have the same or
24 higher reactivities as the agricultural drain.
25 MS. BRENNER: That is assuming that you are going to
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01 have the same kind of loading on a reservoir as you would in
02 an ag production?
03 MR. KRASNER: No. I am --
04 MS. BRENNER: Did I mishear you, what you just told me?
05 You said, assuming that they were equal loading, the

06 reactivity would be the same.

07 MR. KRASNER: If you look at CUWA Exhibit 5, Table 6,
08 one of the things I was trying to point out was, if you look
09 at both the discharge volumes and the TOC levels, and you
10 multiply them and get a mass loading, you can see a level
11 that can be higher during the months. This is not annual
12 average, but during the months of July, August, and
13 September, when their reservoir releases a higher mass
14 loading from the Delta Wetlands Project.

15 MS. BRENNER: Than the ag?

16 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

17 MS. BRENNER: During those particular months?

18 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

19 MS. BRENNER: But there are other months when it would
20 be lower?

21 MR. KRASNER: Correct, and that was shown in CUWA
22 Exhibit 5G.

23 MS. BRENNER: Is that assumption based on your 8, 16,
24 or 32?

25 MR. KRASNER: In all three. In all three you will see
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01 that you see a slight reduction in the loading of total
02 organic carbon during winter months, such as January and
03 February, and regardless of whether you have 8, 16 or 32
04 milligrams of TOC in the reservoir, in all three scenarios
05 you will have a higher loading in the project condition in
06 those three months than in the base condition.

07 MS. BRENNER: You still have to get to your 8, 16, or
08 32, correct?

09 MR. KRASNER: Well, I borrowed the 8 from Dr.
10 Kavanaugh. And, yes, we got to the 30.

11 MS. BRENNER: I just want to make clear what your
12 assumptions are when you are saying what you are saying.
13 You are saying that, even though I read your article a
14 little bit differently, now you are saying that, unlike what
15 is suggested in your article, the ag soils are constantly --
16 well, let's reword that.

17 The ag soils produce the same amount of DOC as
18 reservoir conditions. The article suggests the exact
19 opposite.

20 MR. KRASNER: I will refer you to Page 46 of the
21 article, and I specifically say that the volumes of
22 discharged water from either the drainage of, at the time
23 the analysis was based on, seasonal wetland or agricultural
24 operations, must be factored into the analysis of the effect
25 of changing land management practices in the Delta.

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01 So, again, the time I wrote the article I did not have
02 available the discharge volumes. Earlier this year, we had
03 a meeting with Dr. Kavanaugh. Dr. Kavanaugh now provided me
04 with -- in fact, I cite Dr. Kavanaugh in the testimony on
05 the volumes that he provided me for the agricultural
06 drainage and for the Delta Wetlands Project, and that was
07 what I used to prepare CUWA Exhibit 5, was mass loading
08 numbers.

09 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true, because as you suggest in
10 your article, ag soils are constantly exposed to oxidated

11 conditions and wetlands soils are not?

12 MR. KRASNER: You mean the difference in terms of the
13 amount of organic carbon?

14 MS. BRENNER: Yes.

15 MR. KRASNER: Yes, that was one of the
16 possibilities. I should mention that this was not a full
17 analysis, and I did not include the kind of analyses that
18 Dr. Losee has done.

19 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Excuse us, we have a
20 question on the journal article you both are talking about.

21 Ms. Leidigh.

22 MS. LEIDIGH: Has this article been introduced in
23 evidence?

24 MS. BRENNER: No.

25 MS. LEIDIGH: Would you like to do that?

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01 MR. KRASNER: I should mention --

02 MS. BRENNER: That's okay. I used it for
03 cross-examination purposes only, just to indicate to the
04 Board and to Mr. Krasner that previously he has had a
05 different opinion with regard to ag soils and wetland type
06 of production of DOC.

07 I would be more than happy to introduce it as an
08 Exhibit and add it to Delta Wetlands' exhibit list.

09 MS. LEIDIGH: I think we would appreciate having it
10 added to your exhibit list. It makes it easier for us to
11 review the record if we have the document.

12 MS. BRENNER: Okay.

13 Do you have a clean copy, Mr. Krasner?

14 MR. KRASNER: You may have mine.

15 MS. BRENNER: Thank you.

16 MR. KRASNER: Now I am going to have to go by memory.

17 MS. BRENNER: I don't have any more questions on this
18 particular subject; is that okay?

19 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

20 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Ms. Brenner, while we are
21 interrupting, your first hour is expired. Do you have any
22 outlook on --

23 MS. BRENNER: Many more.

24 THE COURT: Many more hours?

25 MS. BRENNER: I was trying to get through Mr. Krasner

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01 first. I anticipated he would have plenty to inform me
02 of. I have several questions for Dr. Losee, as well as a
03 few more for Dr. Shum and for Mr. Buck. So I am trying to
04 -- you know, I've limited these questions and relimited
05 them. And, unfortunately, the more information Mr. Krasner
06 provides, there are additional questions that you ask. At
07 the break I can take a look. I have eliminated questions as
08 we are going through.

09 There is a lot of -- they have testified to a lot of
10 things, a lot of assumptions are being made in their
11 testimony, and I'm really trying to get to those assumptions
12 and where they are derived from.

13 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: It is important, important
14 issues. I recognize that. I would again just ask that the
15 answers be as brief as possible, but not to the extent of

16 not providing information. I don't know where that balance
17 is.

18 Anyway, we will go another ten minutes, and then take
19 the morning break.

20 MS. BRENNER: You indicated some flaws in the EIR, and
21 I just want to briefly touch on those. Isn't it true that
22 the THMFP testing, which you indicate is inaccurate, was
23 actually in compliance with the applicable standards at the
24 time when the testing was done, MWQI standards and protocols
25 were utilized?

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01 MR. KRASNER: No, not at all. I again document in the
02 comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report, and it is
03 also part of, I believe it is, CUWA Exhibit 10, that the
04 laboratory did not follow standard practices.

05 As an example --

06 MS. BRENNER: Let's stop right there. I am asking
07 about THMFP. The formulas or standard protocol that was
08 utilized in that instance to determine the THMFP was the
09 one, at that time, that was the EPA WTP protocol, wasn't it?

10 MR. KRASNER: No. The method was developed by the
11 Department of Water Resources as part of the Municipal Water
12 Quality Investigations. But the laboratory Delta Wetlands
13 used did not follow the procedure and made many errors that
14 resulted in inaccurately measuring THMs, and I documented
15 all of those errors on the Draft Environmental Impact
16 Report, and it is in CUWA Exhibit 10.

17 MS. BRENNER: What was the standard protocol that was
18 utilized that you are complaining about with the complaining
19 about the particular lab analysis or utilization of that
20 protocol?

21 MR. KRASNER: Actually, that is not correct.
22 Department of Water Resources no longer even uses that
23 methodology.

24 MS. BRENNER: But that was the standard methodology at
25 the time that testing occurred?

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01 MR. KRASNER: It is actually unstandard methodology
02 according to the way THM formation testing is done around
03 the world, even at that time. It was not even following the
04 protocols of EPA or standard methods.

05 MS. BRENNER: Are there deficiencies in the DOC and
06 bromide measures that you sent back to Dr. Brown?

07 MR. KRASNER: In our measurements?

08 MS. BRENNER: Right.

09 MR. KRASNER: No.

10 MS. BRENNER: Patty, would you put 3C-16 and 3C-17?

11 The Metropolitan Water District measurements consist
12 of AnLab measurements for DOC and bromide?

13 MR. KRASNER: No. One of the comments that we pointed
14 out to the laboratories doing the work, as part of doing
15 analysis for ions in water, such as bromide and chloride,
16 the water is electrically neutral and must be balanced, both
17 the positive and the negative. The laboratories that did
18 the work for Dr. Brown did not have balanced waters. Water
19 did not even meet the standard requirements.

20 I did point that out to Dr. Brown at the time that I

21 sent him chapters from standard methods for examination and
22 wastewater.

23 MS. BRENNER: Let's just talk about what the actual
24 measurements were. I am sure that you -- I know that you
25 informed Dr. Brown. What I am interested in is the actual

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01 measurements not what occurred back then with regard to you
02 informing Dr. Brown.

03 Could you take a look at that, 3C-16 and 3C-17, and
04 tell me where there is a discrepancy, a significant
05 discrepancy, in the MWD measurements and AAL measurements?
06 I don't see it.

07 MR. KRASNER: You're just showing the DOC and UV data
08 here.

09 MS. BRENNER: That is what I am talking about.

10 MR. KRASNER: I thought I heard you say bromide.

11 MS. BRENNER: And bromide. This one is looking at UVA
12 and DOC.

13 MR. KRASNER: In general, they tended to agree. If I
14 remember correctly, there was a bit more variability in the
15 AnLab's results than our own.

16 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true that Dr. Brown used the
17 measurements he received from you in the Environmental
18 Impact Report?

19 MR. KRASNER: For?

20 MS. BRENNER: DOC and bromide.

21 MR. KRASNER: To be honest, I am not sure which values
22 he used. I do know that when I read his reports, the
23 analyses were much more complex; and when he interpreted the
24 data, such as in the demonstration of wetlands, part of the
25 interpretation was not just based on the DOC levels, but

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01 also information on salinity which allowed him to determine
02 whether the organic carbon was coming from vegetative
03 biomass or soil.

04 But, as I mentioned, the laboratories doing his work
05 did not have proper measurements on the salinity
06 measurements, so that flawed some of those interpretations.

07 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: But the question was: Did
08 he use the same data? That is the type of answer that goes
09 beyond the question, and --

10 MR. KRASNER: I know he -- we did not run all of the
11 experiments for Dr. Brown. So he had to use a combination
12 of our data and their data. He did not strictly rely on our
13 data. I know that.

14 MS. BRENNER: Your data shows right on that board, very
15 similar to the data produced by AnLab?

16 I think the point is made. Let's go ahead and move
17 on.

18 Can we put on Exhibit 5E?

19 MR. KRASNER: Do you have the THMFP data?

20 MS. BRENNER: I am sure we can find it.

21 MR. KRASNER: Because that data was -- it specifically
22 was flawed and did get the same results.

23 MS. BRENNER: Doesn't THMFP, isn't it a precursor to
24 bromide?

25 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

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01 MS. BRENNER: So, isn't the important data DOC and
02 bromide?

03 MR. KRASNER: No, not at all.

04 MS. BRENNER: You don't think so?

05 MR. KRASNER: No. I briefly explain it in my
06 testimony. The reactivity of either agricultural drainage
07 from peat soils or water from the Delta Wetlands Project
08 peat soil has a much higher reactivity to form
09 trihalomethane than waters in the channels.

10 MS. BRENNER: But we are talking about ag and
11 reservoirs. So the reactivity, in your opinion, is
12 basically the same?

13 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

14 MS. BRENNER: The precursors, DOC and bromide, are the
15 ones that you really need to be looking at?

16 MR. KRASNER: Depends on what analysis you are
17 attempting to do.

18 MS. BRENNER: I am talking about ag and wetlands, ag
19 soil and wetland. Right?

20 MR. KRASNER: That is part of what you need to do.

21 MS. BRENNER: Can we look at Exhibit 5E?

22 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

23 MS. BRENNER: Your first dot and arrow, the if the
24 experiment had stopped in December, the answer could have
25 been 30, correct?

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01 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

02 MS. BRENNER: Your side and horizontal arrow indicates,
03 according to your testimony, that no one knows what the
04 number might have ended up being if the experiment had
05 continued beyond January?

06 MR. KRASNER: That was part of my answer.

07 MS. BRENNER: Part of what you are saying in your
08 testimony, right?

09 MR. KRASNER: Yes. I also indicated the time of the
10 year that the experiment was conducted in the warmer time of
11 the year and also the time of the year with different
12 seasonal impacts. The result would have been different.

13 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true that this is just Dr.
14 Brown's first experiment to determine the DOC release level,
15 and that a second experiment was conducted which answered
16 some of these questions?

17 MR. KRASNER: I'm more familiar with this particular
18 experiment. I'm not as familiar with the other. But I
19 don't believe, when I looked at the other experiment, that
20 that was as conclusive as --

21 MS. BRENNER: Can we look at Figure 3C-9? This is just
22 a depiction of what you consider the first experiment that
23 Dr. Brown conducted?

24 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

25 MS. BRENNER: Let's take a look at what he did.

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01 Take a minute and take a look at that. What months are
02 indicated there?

03 MR. KRASNER: April, May, June, and July.

04 MS. BRENNER: This is the second seasonal storage

05 period experiment --

06 MR. KRASNER: I am not completely familiar with the
07 details of this experiment.

08 MS. BRENNER: Can I -- go ahead.

09 MR. KRASNER: Dr. Losee is more familiar with the
10 details of this experiment.

11 MS. BRENNER: Okay. Isn't it true that the second
12 experiment answered the questions with regard to seasonality
13 as well as peaking, and shook the DOC level, actually
14 reached a plateau at approximately 30 to 34 milligrams per
15 liter of DOC?

16 DR. LOSEE: I would say that one can't tell from this
17 data. I am afraid that the design of the experiment didn't
18 allow us to make an interpretation. If you will note,
19 during this period the concentration hasn't changed very
20 much. This is a single wetland. It is a single experiment,
21 so no replication of this experiment. It is sitting out in
22 the open. If you'll note in whatever the table is where the
23 data are presented in here, during this time period, the
24 oxygen concentration in the water was actually below
25 saturation. That means that there was a good deal of

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01 respiration going on in this water column. That means the
02 consumption of organic carbon.

03 So, there was consumption of organic carbon during this
04 period, and yet there wasn't a decrease in the
05 concentration. The assumption, the conclusion from this
06 experiment was that this constant level indicates that the
07 release rate has been complete during this experiment.
08 There is no more organic carbon being released from the
09 sediments. The data indicates the consumption of organic
10 carbon.

11 The data doesn't just support that conclusion.

12 MS. BRENNER: That is what actually occurred?

13 DR. LOSEE: That is correct. That is what occurred.
14 That is, that there was more going on in this experiment
15 than what was discovered, elucidated, in the
16 experimentation.

17 MS. BRENNER: Do you have a notion of how many acres
18 was flooded during this experiment?

19 DR. LOSEE: It is in the EIR.

20 MS. BRENNER: You don't recall?

21 DR. LOSEE: As I recall, it changed during the
22 experiment. I believe it was -- well, actually, you folks
23 know. I would like to hear what it is.

24 MS. BRENNER: I don't know off the top of my head,
25 either. My question is -- I know it is --

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01 DR. LOSEE: It is relevant to the question, I guess.

02 MS. BRENNER: Fifty acres of flooded wetland, and my
03 question is: With that type of acreage, would you normally
04 do a replicate experiment?

05 DR. LOSEE: I would if I was given the assignment. It
06 isn't necessary to have a 50-acre wetland, several 50-acre
07 wetlands. That wouldn't be necessary at all.

08 MS. BRENNER: All the mechanisms that you have
09 testified about were occurring during this particular

10 experiment, were they not?

11 DR. LOSEE: That is right. There were mechanisms
12 occurring in the reservoir.

13 MS. BRENNER: The data depicted in Figure C3-9 shows
14 that the concentration plateaued, does it not?

15 DR. LOSEE: The assumption is that this concentration
16 would be the -- would, it would increase the volume of this
17 reservoir. We no have data to indicate that to be a fact.

18 MS. BRENNER: I don't think that really answered my
19 question.

20 The data indicated that the concentration of the TOC
21 during this second experiment, which started with the first
22 experiment back in January, went all the way through July.
23 So we have seasonality in here, correct?

24 DR. LOSEE: That is correct. The assumption in this
25 experiment is that they understand all that is going on in

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01 this wetland. The fact is that they don't. There is
02 respiration going on here. That is indicated by the
03 data. And that respiration means that organic carbon is
04 being consumed. Organic carbon that is allowing this
05 concentration to remain constant has to come from
06 somewhere. Unfortunately, there wasn't an effort made to
07 determine where that organic carbon was coming from.

08 The problem then is that we don't -- since the
09 underlying assumption for this experiment wasn't fully
10 tested, we don't know what's going on here. So a plausible
11 explanation would also suggest that, as you increase the
12 volume of this artificial wetland or the demonstration
13 wetland, you would perhaps continue to have the same
14 concentration in a greater volume of water.

15 The assumption is that, if you increase the volume, you
16 would decrease the concentration. It is unfortunate, but
17 the data just doesn't support this conclusion. There could
18 have been experiments done to look at processing that was
19 going on here. They weren't done.

20 MS. BRENNER: Such as the Pace Soil Experiment?

21 DR. LOSEE: Well, we can get into that, also.

22 MS. BRENNER: I am just suggesting that that is one of
23 the things that could have been done to determine what is
24 occurring, correct?

25 DR. LOSEE: Well, I guess I would like to have a

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01 further explanation of what the objective is of this
02 experiment that you are going to describe. Then we can talk
03 about how well it has accomplished that objective.

04 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Let's take our break now.

05 MS. BRENNER: Thank you.

06 (Break taken.)

07 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: We will reconvene the
08 hearing.

09 Ms. Brenner.

10 MS. BRENNER: Let's take a look CUWA's Exhibit 5G,
11 which is a total organic carbon in the Delta utilizing the
12 assumptions of the 8, 16, and 32 milligrams per liter of
13 DOC, correct?

14 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

15 MS. BRENNER: This actually gives a mass loading in
16 pounds, doesn't it.

17 MR. KRASNER: Yes, pounds per month.

18 MS. BRENNER: Pounds per month. Is there some reason
19 why you show only the months of January, February, and July
20 through September on this exhibit?

21 MR. KRASNER: Yes. Because the Delta Wetlands'
22 reservoir islands will only be releasing through July,
23 August, and September; the impact or the results you see for
24 January and February, you will see a similar result through
25 the other months. In the detailed CUWA Exhibit 5, I show
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01 all the data, but just for simplicity I didn't think it was
02 worthwhile to show nine months where we see the same
03 impact.

04 MS. BRENNER: We actually I see benefits, don't we, in
05 those nine months?

06 MR. KRASNER: Very slight, but, yes, you do see
07 benefits.

08 MS. BRENNER: You do see benefits. That is, again an
09 instance where a new exhibit has been changed slightly.
10 This indicates, correct -- Let's back track.
11 Are you aware of Dr. Kavanaugh's and Dr. Brown's
12 estimate of 2.2 million pounds of DOC currently releases in
13 the ag drainage from Delta Wetlands' islands?

14 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

15 MS. BRENNER: You are familiar with that estimate?

16 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

17 MS. BRENNER: If we compare that on a mass loading
18 basis to your chart, isn't your 32 milligrams per liter then
19 approximately 14,000,000 pounds?

20 MR. KRASNER: Approximately.

21 MS. BRENNER: 14,000,000 pounds. In your opinion,
22 these two reservoir islands are going to release 14,000,000
23 pounds mass DOC loading, not released, but they will have a
24 mass loading of DOC which is, what, seven times what the
25 four islands are currently discharging under ag conditions?
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01 MR. KRASNER: No. I'm looking at -- I have to look at
02 Dr. Kavanaugh's data, but he showed agricultural -- he
03 showed agricultural return flows having levels of --
04 You are speaking just for those four?

05 MS. BRENNER: I am talking four islands.

06 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

07 MS. BRENNER: So, the two islands under reservoir
08 conditions are going to have a mass loading of an increased
09 amount, in your opinion?

10 MR. KRASNER: Yes, because of the larger volume of
11 discharge.

12 MS. BRENNER: If you include the remaining seven
13 months, all the blocks would be below your zero line,
14 correct?

15 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

16 MS. BRENNER: The drinking water standards are based on
17 running quarterly annual averages, and your exhibit should
18 reflect the remaining months and calculate the total amount
19 of loading for the year, shouldn't they?

20 MR. KRASNER: In terms of the other exhibit I showed,
21 CUWA Exhibit 5H, I did consider all 12 months. But for
22 illustrative purposes, I didn't see a point in showing nine
23 months where the impact was the same as January and
24 February. I showed those to illustrate a point.

25 MS. BRENNER: Did you calculate the total of mass
1124 loading for the year?

01 MR. KRASNER: Yes.
02 MS. BRENNER: What number did you come up with?
03 MR. KRASNER: I don't have it in front of me.
04 MS. BRENNER: Let's take a look at CUWA Exhibit
05 5H. And the data on this is obtained from your Table 6,
06 correct?
07 MR. KRASNER: Correct. Yes. Actually, that is taken
08 from CUWA Exhibit 5, Table 7.
09 MS. BRENNER: Table 7?
10 MR. KRASNER: Yes.
11 MS. BRENNER: The title for this diagram is Impact of
12 Delta Wetlands Project on THM Formation in the Delta?
13 MR. KRASNER: Yes.
14 MS. BRENNER: Are THMs formed in the Delta?
15 MR. KRASNER: No. It was indicating the impact on the
16 ability or the formation potential of how it will increase
17 the amount of THMs formed when Delta water is treated at the
18 utility.
19 MS. BRENNER: So, THMs are formed in the treatment
20 plant --
21 MR. KRASNER: Correct.
22 MS. BRENNER: -- not in the Delta?
23 MR. KRASNER: The full title should --
24 MS. BRENNER: You can go ahead, but the title should be
1125 Predicted THM Formation in a Simulated Water Treatment Plant
01 Using Estimates of Water Quality in the Delta Export Waters
02 since all your numbers are predictions and not actual
03 measurements, correct?
04 MR. KRASNER: Are you referring just to CUWA Exhibit
05 5H?
06 MS. BRENNER: Right, just to this CUWA Exhibit 5H.
07 MR. KRASNER: That particular one, it is based on
08 predictions. In my written testimony, I do show that the
09 predictions for the base condition are consistent with the
10 results for actual measurements on the base condition.
11 MS. BRENNER: But these are all predictions, not actual
12 measurements?
13 MR. KRASNER: In this particular figure, yes.
14 MS. BRENNER: I am just clarifying for the record and
15 for the Board what this actually details.
16 As I understand this diagram, you are saying that in a
17 base condition water utilities currently relying on Delta
18 export water are able to meet the Stage I proposed standard
19 for THMs of 80. Is that correct?
20 MR. KRASNER: If you read the detailed CUWA Exhibit 5,
21 I explained the bases to combination of using enhanced
22 coagulation and just chlorination through the treatment
23 plant; and under those circumstances, the base condition the
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25 utility would barely be able to comply with the 80 microgram
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01 per liter standard.

02 MS. BRENNER: For the base you show the 90th percentile
03 as the median. These are the statistics used to determine
04 the compliance with the primary drinking water standard, are
05 they?

06 MR. KRASNER: No. But the reason I chose to do it this
07 way was in cumulative probability statistics you want to
08 look at what is the likelihood of over a period of time
09 being able to comply or not. So, again, because the
10 standard needs to be met all years, I just did not want to
11 focus on the probability that you might comply 50 percent of
12 the time. I wanted to look at, could you comply 90 percent
13 of the time?

14 MS. BRENNER: That is not what the standard is based
15 on?

16 MR. KRASNER: Oh, yes. You have to comply with the
17 standard 100 percent of the time.

18 MS. BRENNER: On a running quarterly annual average?

19 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

20 MS. BRENNER: So, the statistics used to determine
21 compliance is clearly by the annual average?

22 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

23 MS. BRENNER: Doesn't the median statistic more closely
24 approximate the quarterly running annual average?

25 MR. KRASNER: That just shows the median likelihood of
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01 having such a running average. The 90 percentile shows the
02 likelihood of having a higher running annual average.

03 MS. BRENNER: But the median is more closely
04 approximating the standard of quarterly annual average?

05 MR. KRASNER: No. That only approximates the results
06 under median water quality conditions. Under other
07 conditions, one could find that the 90th percentile is
08 representative of what you had under those water quality
09 conditions.

10 MS. BRENNER: How often does the 90th occur?

11 MR. KRASNER: The way in which the cumulative
12 probability statistics work is ten percent of the time you
13 could be at the 90th percentile value or higher.

14 MS. BRENNER: Ten percent of the time?

15 MR. KRASNER: Correct?

16 MS. BRENNER: Did you compute the quarterly running
17 annual average for the base condition?

18 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

19 MS. BRENNER: What is it.

20 MR. KRASNER: Is what you want to know the median
21 value or the 90th percentile?

22 MS. BRENNER: Median.

23 MR. KRASNER: The median was of the order of -- looks
24 like in the sixties; I don't have the exact number in front
25 of me.

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01 MS. BRENNER: What would it be, then, for 8 milligrams
02 per liter?

03 MR. KRASNER: A little higher.

04 MS. BRENNER: How much?

05 MR. KRASNER: Maybe a couple micrograms per liter.
06 The reason I showed the 90th percentile was the important
07 issue is not, you know, on a 50 percent of the time basis
08 can you get a similar compliance, but can you all of the
09 time get a similar compliance. The data shows that, when
10 you examine the 90th percentile, under those water quality
11 conditions, you have a higher result under the project
12 condition.

13 MS. BRENNER: You used the 90th percentile bromide
14 occurrence level to compute the THM levels?

15 MR. KRASNER: In this particular figure, but in the
16 full testimony I examined median and bromide occurrence
17 level.

18 MS. BRENNER: Why did you use this extreme value?

19 MR. KRASNER: It is actually not an extreme. We treat
20 that water on a regular basis, and my understanding is that
21 what my database shows is that the 90th percentile bromide
22 level at H.O. Banks is also median bromide level at Delta
23 Rock Slough. At the time I prepared this, I hadn't seen Dr.
24 Kavanaugh's testimony. So this is actually a median bromide
25 level for Rock Slough and 90th percentile at H.O. Banks.

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01 MS. BRENNER: 90th bromide at Banks, and median overall
02 would be .29?

03 MR. KRASNER: No. This value is based on -- I don't
04 have it in front of me. It is something like about .5 five
05 milligrams per liter bromide. I believe in Dr. Kavanaugh's
06 testimony, he showed in his database that was about the
07 median for Rock Slough and the percentile for H.O. Banks.

08 MS. BRENNER: What equation did you use to estimate the
09 THMs?

10 MR. KRASNER: It was an equation developed by
11 Malcolm-Pirnie and it was an equation developed in Delta
12 waters over a wide range of conditions, both a wide range of
13 dissolved organic carbon levels and a wide range of
14 bromide.

15 MS. BRENNER: The THM formation levels shown in the
16 Pirnie report?

17 MR. KRASNER: Correct. In the exhibit, I gave the
18 exhibit formula for the equation.

19 MS. BRENNER: Doesn't this equation show the THM
20 formation to be more sensitive to changes in bromide
21 concentrations than in DOC?

22 MR. KRASNER: Actually that is not a correct
23 interpretation. If you look at that equation, there are
24 many parameters that affect trihalomethane formation. The
25 total organic carbon level, the ultraviolet absorbance which

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01 is an indication of reactivity of precursor, the chlorine
02 dose, the bromide level, pH, and temperature.

03 Briefly, as I pointed out, also on that same page, as
04 your TOC level goes up, your chlorine dose goes up. I also
05 pointed out as an example the article that we talked about
06 that I published in the American Water Works Journal in
07 1994, you have higher UV levels when you have higher TOCs.
08 You have actually have a total of three parameters going up

09 as you raise the TOC. Only bromides don't. So you have to
10 look at the increase in all three of those parameters that
11 are directly or indirectly due to increases in total organic
12 carbon.

13 MS. BRENNER: Isn't the bromide the more sensitive of
14 those?

15 MR. KRASNER: No. Both are very sensitive.

16 MS. BRENNER: The base condition in your graph for THM
17 levels are well above the proposed Stage II standard of 40,
18 correct?

19 MR. KRASNER: That is correct.

20 MS. BRENNER: Therefore, you right now, without the
21 Delta Wetlands Project, the median THM levels are far above
22 the standards?

23 MR. KRASNER: Proposed standard.

24 MS. BRENNER: Proposed standard, correct? Okay.

25 Looking at estimates from the hypothesized increases in
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01 DOC from 8 to 32, with hypothesized concentrations of 8, 16,
02 and 32 in the reservoirs which selected, are not based on
03 your calculations, are they?

04 MR. KRASNER: The 8, 16, and 32?

05 MS. BRENNER: Right.

06 MR. KRASNER: No. I used the 8 from Dr. Kavanaugh and
07 a range of 30 from Dr. Losee. My analysis was to simply
08 state, given a certain TOC level, what would be the impact
09 on THM compliance.

10 MS. BRENNER: Let's turn to Dr. Losee.

11 Thank you, Mr. Krasner.

12 Would you take a look at Exhibit 6A which was from
13 Figure 1 of CUWA's original TOC sources. Got a couple
14 questions in the change.

15 You changed this figure to reflect a TOC pool versus a
16 DOC pool, correct?

17 DR. LOSEE: No.

18 MS. BRENNER: Your original figure didn't show a DOC
19 pool?

20 DR. LOSEE: Yes, it did.

21 MS. BRENNER: The new figure switches from a TOC to a
22 DOC pool?

23 DR. LOSEE: TOC is a subset -- Doc is a subset of TOC.

24 MS. BRENNER: I understand that concept. I am just
25 asking you about this particular figure and the switches
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01 from Figure 1 to 6A.

02 DR. LOSEE: Can we put Figure 6 up?

03 MS. BRENNER: You have 6A up; you want Figure 1 up?

04 DR. LOSEE: That's correct, Figure 1.

05 MS. BRENNER: I don't have it.

06 DR. LOSEE: I have it.

07 MS. BRENNER: It's a little bit different, isn't it?

08 DR. LOSEE: All those boxes in the water column make up
09 TOC.

10 MS. BRENNER: Yes.

11 DR. LOSEE: The TOC pools are all of those, for
12 clarification.

13 MS. BRENNER: I understand that. I am just pointing

14 out the differences.

15 DR. LOSEE: Would you repeat what you perceive to be
16 the differences?

17 MS. BRENNER: We will go through them.

18 Figure 1 is a far more accurate depiction of what
19 occurs in the system than your new 6A, isn't it?

20 DR. LOSEE: It is more detailed, yes.

21 MS. BRENNER: 6A shows two sources of the TOC pool.

22 Can we switch back to 6A?

23 Two sources, photosynthesis and peat soil. Correct?

24 DR. LOSEE: That's correct.

25 MS. BRENNER: There are no losses to the carbon dioxide
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01 shown in Exhibit 6A, are there?

02 DR. LOSEE: Those are in the detailed figure which I
03 showed immediately following this one in my testimony.

04 MS. BRENNER: There are no losses depicted here?

05 DR. LOSEE: No, that is correct.

06 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true that almost all of the peat
07 soil photosynthesis processes goes to the carbon dioxide and
08 not to the TOC pool?

09 DR. LOSEE: I think that is misunderstanding of what
10 happens in the system.

11 MS. BRENNER: In your opinion, then, most of the peat
12 soil photosynthesis does not go to the carbon dioxide?

13 DR. LOSEE: The peat soil photosynthesis -- I am sorry
14 to be picking at this. Are you talking about two processes,
15 photosynthesis and the organic carbon pool that is in the
16 sediment?

17 MS. BRENNER: Right. Let's just go to the
18 photosynthesis as in higher plants. Maybe that is the
19 confusion, is that insert of peat soil.

20 Is that where we are getting confused?

21 DR. LOSEE: I am not confused.

22 MS. BRENNER: Isn't a portion of the photosynthesis
23 algae in higher plants that goes to carbon dioxide?

24 DR. LOSEE: Yes, of course.

25 MS. BRENNER: On every basis; average, monthly, daily?
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01 DR. LOSEE: Yes. Photosynthesis results in production
02 of organic carbon, and that organic carbon, if it is
03 metabolized, can go to carbon dioxide.

04 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true that almost all of
05 photosynthesis process goes to carbon dioxide and not to the
06 TOC pool?

07 DR. LOSEE: That is incorrect.

08 MS. BRENNER: What percentage, in your opinion, would
09 go to the TOC pool?

10 DR. LOSEE: Unfortunately, you have oversimplified the
11 issue, I'm afraid, also. Production -- the carbon
12 ultimately -- the ultimate source of the carbon is
13 photosynthesis. Carbon dioxide is removed from the air or
14 water and fixed into organic molecules by photosynthetic
15 organisms. That organic matter now that has been fixed in
16 photosynthesis is going to reside in this ecosystem for some
17 period of time, until either it metabolized away and leaves
18 the system as CO₂ or some other end product of metabolism.

19 Or it is going to -- that would be the ultimate fate.
20 However, that material can be buried in the sediments.
21 A good example of that is the existence of these islands, to
22 begin with. The peat soils in those islands have come from
23 photosynthesis at some point in the past.
24 MS. BRENNER: So let's take a look at your
25 oversimplification. Okay. You're showing photosynthesis
1135 going directly into the TOC pool?
01 DR. LOSEE: Right.
02 MS. BRENNER: That is not what you just explained to
03 me.
04 DR. LOSEE: As soon as the carbon, the inter organic
05 carbon, is fixed in photosynthesis, it is a component of the
06 total organic carbon pool.
07 MS. BRENNER: I think we will get more into that, and
08 it will be a little clearer to the Board as this particular
09 exhibit is somewhat misleading.
10 Have you actually --
11 DR. LOSEE: There were two points made from this
12 figure, if you will recall. The two points were that there
13 are two sources for the organic carbon pool in the water
14 column. Those sources are photosynthesis and release of
15 organic matter from the sediments. And I also stated that
16 there was a third source, and that was the organic carbon to
17 be complete. That was the inorganic carbon that was in the
18 water as it was pumped onto the land.
19 MS. BRENNER: To be complete, there is always losses?
20 DR. LOSEE: Absolutely. That is covered in my detailed
21 figure which is the next one I brought up.
22 MS. BRENNER: Have you ever actually measured the
23 amount of peat soil carbon that becomes dissolved in water
24 and is in your TOC pool?
1136 DR. LOSEE: Fortunately, I guess -- my obligation in
01 this was to review the environmental impact report by Delta
02 Wetlands, and then to assess Dr. Kavanaugh's analysis.
03 And so, no, I haven't made the measurements on these
04 islands. But that wasn't necessary to come up with an
05 opinion about what happens here.
06 MS. BRENNER: I just wanted to know if you ever
07 measured it.
08 Isn't it true that this was measured in the Jones &
09 Stokes' experiment?
10 DR. LOSEE: Would you like to talk about those
11 experiments?
12 MS. BRENNER: I just want you to answer the question I
13 posed.
14 DR. LOSEE: There were measurements made in the Jones &
15 Stokes experiments. I believe that there were flaws in
16 those measurements.
17 MS. BRENNER: I understand that is your belief. But
18 those measurements were made by Jones & Stokes?
19 DR. LOSEE: Measurements made.
20 MS. BRENNER: And no measurements were made by you?
21 DR. LOSEE: My obligation -- my objective in this was
22 to assess the potential impact based on the information
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24 provided and my knowledge of ecology. In that case, I was
25 able to analyze what was done by Jones & Stokes and by Dr.
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01 Kavanaugh.

02 In the EIR and Dr. Kavanaugh's assessment, there were
03 areas where they either overlooked or underestimated
04 values. And, therefore, I was able to come to a conclusion
05 that whatever value they came up with, that it was an
06 underestimate.

07 MS. BRENNER: What I would like to do is just talk
08 about some of what you testified to. I understand your
09 entire testimony. Unfortunately, I don't have the time or
10 the days to go through each and every bit of it. So my
11 cross-examination questions are very precise and meant to
12 elicit particular information. And I know you would love to
13 have the opportunity to clarify or quantify or expand upon
14 them.

15 But my point is that calculations were made by Jones &
16 Stokes. No calculations were made by you; is that true?

17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Calculations or
18 measurements?

19 MS. BRENNER: By Jones & Stokes on the peat soil.

20 It is just a yes or no.

21 DR. LOSEE: Yes, I made calculations.

22 MS. BRENNER: Measurements, excuse me. I am sorry.

23 DR. LOSEE: That is correct. I did not take
24 measurements.

25 MS. BRENNER: Thank you.

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01 You assert that the EIR did not either address or
02 adequately address various sources of DOC, correct?

03 DR. LOSEE: That's correct.

04 MS. BRENNER: Did the EIR or the Environmental Impact
05 Report address peat soil as a source of organic carbon?

06 DR. LOSEE: It attempted to.

07 MS. BRENNER: Did the EIR address wetland plants as a
08 source of organic carbon?

09 DR. LOSEE: Inadequately.

10 MS. BRENNER: It did address them?

11 DR. LOSEE: Inadequately.

12 MS. BRENNER: I know you feel it is inadequate. I want
13 you to answer the question.

14 DR. LOSEE: Yes, it inadequately addresses the
15 question.

16 MS. BRENNER: Did the EIR experiments directly measure
17 the total contributions of DOC?

18 DR. LOSEE: I don't believe so.

19 MS. BRENNER: It didn't?

20 DR. LOSEE: I didn't believe they did.

21 MS. BRENNER: They didn't directly measure the total
22 contribution of DOC?

23 DR. LOSEE: That is my feeling.

24 MS. BRENNER: We looked at -- we talked briefly about
25 Dr. Brown's experiments with wetted wetlands experiments,

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01 correct?

02 DR. LOSEE: Yes.

03 MS. BRENNER: We concluded that they were actually
04 conducted between the months of October and January? The
05 first one was conducted between October and January? See?
06 DR. LOSEE: That is correct.
07 MS. BRENNER: The seasonal storage experiment, which
08 was the second of that flooded wetland experiment, was
09 conducted in the months of April through July of the
10 following year?
11 DR. LOSEE: Yes.
12 MS. BRENNER: During the seasonal storage experiments,
13 in your opinion, were all the natural sources and release
14 mechanisms you show in Exhibit 6C operating in the two
15 flooded wetlands experiments?
16 Patty, you can go ahead and put up 6C.
17 DR. LOSEE: They were -- were they operating?
18 MS. BRENNER: Yes.
19 DR. LOSEE: Yes. They were operating. Were they
20 operating at a level that one would expect in the Delta
21 Wetlands once it's in operation? I don't know.
22 MS. BRENNER: Those are natural occurrences, correct?
23 DR. LOSEE: Those are natural occurrences, yes.
24 MS. BRENNER: There is nothing that Jones & Stokes or
25 Dr. Brown did to stop any of those occurrences during these
1140 experiments?
01 DR. LOSEE: That is correct.
02 MS. BRENNER: We need to look at Exhibit 6D, which is
03 comparable to the old Exhibit 3. And I think the only
04 change in this particular exhibit was the emergent wetland
05 vegetation column. Is that correct?
06 DR. LOSEE: The roe, yes. I included the data from the
07 EIR.
08 MS. BRENNER: Other than that, it is the same as your
09 old Exhibit 3?
10 DR. LOSEE: Correct.
11 MS. BRENNER: What would the values be for crop plants
12 if they were added to this table?
13 DR. LOSEE: It would be a range. They would be high.
14 A range --
15 MS. BRENNER: Do you have a sense?
16 DR. LOSEE: Yes, sure. They are in the range of the
17 emergent wetland vegetation.
18 MS. BRENNER: So, a thousand to 2,000 grams carbon per
19 meter squared per year?
20 DR. LOSEE: Certainly.
21 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it correct that only a fraction of
22 that carbon becomes organic sediment matter or residue, and
23 most of it is oxidized carbon dioxide?
24 DR. LOSEE: In which case are we speaking of?
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01 MS. BRENNER: Crop plants.
02 DR. LOSEE: I haven't studied crop plants but, of
03 course.
04 MS. BRENNER: You testified on Page 7 of your written
05 testimony that only 78 percent of that 2,250 grams of carbon
06 from vegetated biomass becomes carbon dioxide, correct?
07 DR. LOSEE: I am sorry, I am not picking that up. On

08 Page 7?

09 MS. BRENNER: That is what my notes indicate.

10 Do you recall what your estimate of carbon dioxide
11 versus organic carbon residue is from vegetation biomass?

12 My notes indicate that your testimony says 78 percent
13 carbon dioxide, 22 percent comes to carbon residue or
14 organic carbon residue.

15 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: The number would be 1 minus
16 22 to get at 78. So the testimony doesn't actually say at
17 78. It is induced from this.

18 MS. BRENNER: From the testimony. Okay.

19 DR. LOSEE: Now that I found where you are, could you
20 repeat the question?

21 MS. BRENNER: I am just clarifying what your opinion
22 with regard to the amount of carbon from vegetated biomass
23 becomes carbon dioxide versus carbon residue, organic carbon.

24 DR. LOSEE: The first, that is highly specific to the
25 case. The environment, natural environment, is highly

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01 variable.

02 MS. BRENNER: Those are the numbers you used in your
03 estimate, right?

04 DR. LOSEE: I was indicating that there is a lot of
05 variability in the environment, and it can be higher.

06 MS. BRENNER: That is the highest range that you could
07 find?

08 DR. LOSEE: No. These are -- I guess -- may I put this
09 in context?

10 MS. BRENNER: I think we will be putting it into
11 context very shortly here. You have used this extreme value
12 to conduct your analysis, haven't you?

13 DR. LOSEE: As it was one component, that's correct.
14 Because there can be extreme values in the environment.

15 MS. BRENNER: You referred to an article by Gale &
16 Reddy in your testimony and that was the basis for this 22
17 percent carbon from vegetation biomass?

18 DR. LOSEE: In their case, that is right.

19 MS. BRENNER: As you indicated, that was due to your
20 sediment that Delta Wetlands would get, also?

21 DR. LOSEE: I never said that.

22 MS. BRENNER: You are not saying then that the Delta
23 Wetlands' islands would actually get 22 percent of organic
24 carbon from the wetland vegetation?

25 DR. LOSEE: I am saying it is unknown and should be
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01 measured.

02 MS. BRENNER: The data that creates these numbers is
03 from a subtropical lake in Florida; isn't that correct?

04 DR. LOSEE: It's from a shallow peat lake in Florida;
05 that's correct.

06 MS. BRENNER: And the lake was only 5.4 feet?

07 DR. LOSEE: It was shallow, yes.

08 MS. BRENNER: 30,000 acres.

09 DR. LOSEE: I am not sure of the size.

10 MS. BRENNER: Average temperature range, 16 to 27
11 degrees Celsius?

12 DR. LOSEE: Yes.

13 MS. BRENNER: Those conditions are very different than
14 the conditions expected from the Delta Wetlands' islands?
15 DR. LOSEE: They are different. I would point out that
16 there issuance of organic matter primarily -- what is stated
17 here is from algae. And as we have discussed in earlier
18 testimony, algae is more labile and does decompose faster.
19 This study is an annual cycle. So this is more complete.
20 They are talking about from an annual cycle how much organic
21 carbon would -- from the algae would end up in the
22 sediment. This is an amount that could happen in a highly
23 productive system dominated by photoplankton water column
24 algae growth.

25 MS. BRENNER: It is the number that you used in your
1144 analysis of the Delta Wetlands Project?

01 DR. LOSEE: I used it in a qualitative way. The
02 qualitative way is to say, if you have algae, can there been
03 large inputs from the algae? Yes, there can be.

04 MS. BRENNER: These condition are quite different than
05 the conditions expected of the Delta Wetlands? The
06 subtropical lake is not what Delta Wetlands is building, is
07 it?
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09 DR. LOSEE: The primary input determining the amount of
10 biomass produced is, the primary inputs are light and
11 nutrients. In Delta Wetlands there will be light and
12 nutrients.

13 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true that a better estimate of
14 the amount of vegetation biomass that is likely to become
15 carbon versus carbon dioxide would be those values of five
16 percent or less, based on local data or estimates derived
17 from the Bay Delta, or similar conditions?

18 DR. LOSEE: From algae sources? All organic matter?
19 MS. BRENNER: Talking vegetation biomass.

20 DR. LOSEE: On an annual basis?
21 MS. BRENNER: Yes.

22 DR. LOSEE: To be perfectly honest, I don't know. I
23 haven't studied that issue so I don't know in the Delta what
24 the value would be.

25 MS. BRENNER: You had some -- are you familiar with the
1145 Castaic Lake down south. I am not sure where it is. I just
01 know it is Castaic Water Project.

02 DR. LOSEE: Castaic Lake is the terminal reservoir on
03 the west branch of the State Water Project.

04 MS. BRENNER: Are you familiar with it?
05 DR. LOSEE: Yes.

06 MS. BRENNER: They experience taste and odor problems
07 for six months out of 20 years?
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09 DR. LOSEE: No, that is not correct.

10 MS. BRENNER: Would the Castaic Lake be more, be a
11 better analysis to the Delta Wetlands' reservoirs?
12 DR. LOSEE: In what context?

13 MS. BRENNER: Than your subtropical Florida lake?
14 DR. LOSEE: As a source for organic --

15 DR. BRENNER: Algae growth, taste and odor?
16 DR. LOSEE: I am sorry, you are going to have to be
17 more specific in your question.

18 MS. BRENNER: The different types of algae, different
19 types of algae produce different types of situations. One
20 that you testified to is algae growth with regard to taste
21 and odor problems.
22 Do you recall that testimony?
23 DR. LOSEE: Yes. Algae can produce taste and odor
24 problems.
25 MS. BRENNER: You made some sort of estimate as how
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01 large that problem would be for the Delta Wetlands'
02 reservoir?
03 DR. LOSEE: I gave an example of how high
04 concentrations can get. I used data which we have; we,
05 being Metropolitan. Those data were derived from taste and
06 odor events that happened in state project water. That is
07 correct.
08 MS. BRENNER: If we look at the Castaic Lake, you're
09 indicating that they didn't have taste and odor problems, or
10 that they do have taste and odor problems more often than
11 six months out of 20 years?
12 DR. LOSEE: It is an annual thing now.
13 MS. BRENNER: Do the nutrients for taste and odor at
14 Castaic come from an oxygen depleted deep hole layer?
15 DR. LOSEE: No.
16 MS. BRENNER: Is Cladophora a common growth in
17 aqueducts, in the California aqueduct?
18 DR. LOSEE: It is a relatively common species, yes.
19 MS. BRENNER: Is commonly treated by the water
20 agencies, including Department of Water Resources?
21 DR. LOSEE: I am not aware of how they treat it or if
22 they do at all.
23 MS. BRENNER: Are you aware of the scientific
24 publication showing that DOC is degraded by the UV light in
25 shallow waters?
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01 DR. LOSEE: Yes, I am.
02 MS. BRENNER: DOC is taken up by algae and thus not
03 available for release from the reservoirs?
04 DR. LOSEE: That is half of what the paper talks
05 about. The paper says that more recalcitrant organic matter
06 can be broken down by UV light and producing less
07 recalcitrant organic matter. Organic matter that may be
08 able, may be metabolized by bacteria. That work was
09 elucidating a mechanism. So their analysis -- this was a
10 paper by Wetzel and -- I don't remember the others. Dr.
11 Kavanaugh cited it in his testimony.
12 MS. BRENNER: We might be talking about two different
13 particular publications, but go ahead.
14 DR. LOSEE: That paper, its data indicated that there
15 was further breakdown of the organic matter was a simulation
16 in their experimental situation, a simulation of the growth
17 in bacteria. This was merely elucidating the mechanism.
18 There were no estimates made on how much organic matter
19 might be degraded at this point.
20 MS. BRENNER: But there is evidence that it is
21 degraded?
22 DR. LOSEE: Yes. In fact, UV light is used in the

23 analysis of organic carbon to break down organic matter in a
24 laboratory situation.

25 MS. BRENNER: Would you expect to grow Cladophora
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01 biomass in a reservoir than biomass of plankton?

02 DR. LOSEE: Again, this is nature. It depends on the
03 particular circumstance.

04 MS. BRENNER: We have the new Exhibit 6E. You're
05 indicating now that the start and finish of this curve is
06 now on the same point on the Y axis, correct?

07 DR. LOSEE: Yes.

08 MS. BRENNER: Doesn't this curve only show what may
09 happen with fresh biomass; it doesn't say anything about how
10 much plant matter actually decays and when it decays and
11 when it becomes DOC?

12 DR. LOSEE: This is a simplification of that potential
13 combination, yes. This only shows what happens to the
14 biomass.

15 MS. BRENNER: It depicts when plants grow and biomass
16 increases, correct?

17 DR. LOSEE: It depicts when biomass increases and
18 decreases.

19 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true, a more appropriate
20 parameter would be plant decay?

21 DR. LOSEE: For what purpose?

22 MS. BRENNER: For determining DOC or total organic
23 carbon. Your title says, Impact of Timing on Discharge,
24 Total Organic Carbon.

25 DR. LOSEE: That's right. That is the amount of
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01 organic carbon that will be in the discharge that is driven
02 by production, photosynthetic production.

03 MS. BRENNER: This is production of plant biomass?

04 DR. LOSEE: Yes.

05 MS. BRENNER: Plants have to die before they become
06 organic carbon, right?

07 DR. LOSEE: The inflection point, when the biomass
08 turns downward, when over time you have decrease in biomass,
09 is the point when the degradation of organic matter exceeds
10 the production. So, yes, that point is in this figure.

11 MS. BRENNER: So, it is the low point on the figure?

12 DR. LOSEE: What is the low point on this figure?

13 The low point on the figure is the point when you have
14 a minimum biomass in the system; that also coincides with
15 the winter when you have the lowest light levels.

16 MS. BRENNER: My point is that, when you are trying to
17 figure out TOC, what you need to look at is not when the
18 plants are growing, but actually when the biomass, plant
19 biomass, is decaying?

20 DR. LOSEE: Yes. We call that a turnover. And there
21 is turnover of organic tissue, of plant tissue, throughout
22 the year. That turnover goes on throughout -- I said, that
23 it goes on throughout the year.

24 You do have a maximum release of organic matter in
25 decay happening and that inflection point.

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01 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Question. My recollection

02 of math is the inflection point is where a curve changes
03 from concave downward to concave upward. I think you are
04 referring to the maximum.

05 DR. LOSEE: Thank you. I'm sorry, I'm not a
06 mathematician.

07 MS. BRENNER: Wasn't Dr. Brown's first experiment, as
08 we indicated, in the fall when measurements would reflect
09 full biomass production for that year?

10 DR. LOSEE: According to what I put here, this
11 conceptual diagram, that the time that they took their fall
12 sample, would likely be past the maximum biomass time.

13 MS. BRENNER: You're talking the mass, biomass of --
14 plant biomass growing?

15 DR. LOSEE: This depicts biomass. There is a very
16 large, a very rapid turnover of biomass when you get to that
17 point when there is turndown when you hit the maximum
18 there.

19 MS. BRENNER: Let's switch to peat soil.

20 You reference an abstract of an article by Hulthe, Hall
21 & Damm. Has this article been published?

22 DR. SHUM: Actually, I got that reference from
23 International Conference in Germany last year. During the
24 talk, he mentioned that the article has been submitted for
25 publication. I think it is marine chemistry or geochemical.

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01 But I sent him, the first author, a few E-mails. He has
02 not got back to me. I did not go to the library to see if
03 published.

04 MS. BRENNER: At this point, as far as we know, it is
05 an abstract and it hasn't been peer reviewed?

06 DR. SHUM: It has been peer reviewed, I think, for all
07 likelihood. But the decision has not been known to me.

08 MS. BRENNER: Didn't Dr. Losee use this article to
09 justify the assumption that 20 percent of the organic carbon
10 in peat soil could be converted into DOC in the water and
11 into the water column?

12 DR. LOSEE: That is correct. We chose a value to use
13 for the percentage of organic matter that would be converted
14 into dissolved organic matter. We chose 20 percent as being
15 within the range from this paper.

16 MS. BRENNER: Are you aware of the fact that the
17 article stated the flux of carbon from particulate organic
18 carbon in the sediment in certain parts of the frigid Arctic
19 Ocean are not in peat soils that is about room temperature?

20 DR. SHUM: That experiment is done, I believe, in the
21 North Sea, which is not part of arctic. The temperature
22 would be different.

23 MS. BRENNER: Excuse me?

24 DR. SHUM: The temperature would be different. The
25 purpose of that is to indicate some of the potential

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01 transformation from organic matter to DOC. And as the
02 temperature increases, I believe, the conversion may be
03 faster.

04 MS. BRENNER: I am looking at the article, and it
05 specifies in the Arctic Ocean. So --

06 DR. SHUM: You mean abstract?

07 MS. BRENNER: Yes, the abstract.
08 So the amount of carbon that remains for conversion to
09 DOC is in an extremity high range in the arctic, isn't it?
10 DR. SHUM: Actually, I think they're ongoing
11 experiments. I am not expert in that particular field.
12 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true that this extreme value
13 based on the frigid arctic conditions in your calculations
14 rather than a more representative example would be a one to
15 two percent conversion?
16 DR. LOSEE: We could use two percent.
17 MS. BRENNER: Okay. Would you agree that local data,
18 which consists of measurements conducted on peat soil from
19 the Delta, better estimates your, quote, R value in your
20 calculations which is your estimate of the fraction of
21 carbon matter that could be turned into DOC?
22 DR. LOSEE: If you are referring to the work presented
23 in the Draft EIR, I would say I can't tell from that data.
24 MS. BRENNER: I am not talking about just the Draft
25 EIR. I am talking about local data which is maybe the EIR
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01 as well as other articles that are dealing with peat soils
02 in the Delta or similar conditions.
03 DR. LOSEE: That may be. That may be. Would you like
04 to -- are we going to -- shall we negotiate on this model?
05 MS. BRENNER: No. We are not negotiating on anything.
06 We are talking about how you -- where your 20 percent value
07 came from in your calculations of the amount of DOC coming
08 out of peat soils?
09 DR. LOSEE: This was done as a conservative estimate.
10 We wanted to understand what was the potential. We chose 20
11 percent. We could use your two percent.
12 If you'll note in that model, we use as the percentage
13 of organic matter in the sediments, only ten percent.
14 MS. BRENNER: What model?
15 DR. LOSEE: The model we are speaking of.
16 MS. BRENNER: You mean your calculations?
17 DR. LOSEE: Yes, that is called a model.
18 MS. BRENNER: Okay.
19 You used 20 percent even though the EIR experiments
20 conducted by Dr. Brown indicated carbon release of only .1
21 percent to .2 percent of soil saturation test?
22 DR. LOSEE: Dr. Brown's soil saturation test, you can't
23 determine from their experiment what the actual values are.
24 MS. BRENNER: Other researchers have shown that DOC
25 represents a small fraction of carbon flux from peaty soils.
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01 Dr. Deverel states that eroded soils, the amount of carbon
02 flux represents less than one percent of the total carbon
03 loss.
04 Do you disagree with this conclusion?
05 DR. LOSEE: To be honest, I haven't read or studied his
06 papers. I can't offer an opinion on that.
07 MS. BRENNER: Would you agree the main issue is the
08 amount of carbon that ultimately becomes dissolved organic
09 carbon in the water column?
10 DR. LOSEE: I would agree.
11 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it true that your testimony never

12 reaches the question how much of your huge estimated
13 original carbon load gets through all the processes and
14 becomes DOC in the water column?

15 DR. LOSEE: The objective of this model was to look at
16 the potential amount of organic carbon that could be
17 released.

18 MS. BRENNER: Only from the peat soil?

19 DR. LOSEE: From the peat soil.

20 MS. BRENNER: If your theory is correct, isn't it true
21 that the peat soil in the Delta submerged now, why hasn't
22 the peat dissolved like cotton candy?

23 DR. LOSEE: We said only 20 percent of that organic
24 carbon would be dissolved and released, so, no.

25 MS. BRENNER: Based on your equation, is it true that
1155 01 the Delta Wetlands' islands alone would produce 8,000,000
02 kilograms of DOC each year?

03 DR. LOSEE: I haven't done the math. If that is what
04 you have calculated, I would accept that.

05 MS. BRENNER: Based on your numbers, that is what we
06 calculated. Isn't this a large estimate given the fact that
07 the estimated DOC production for the entire Delta is a
08 minimum of 12,000,000 kilograms DOC per year?

09 DR. LOSEE: It may well be. The objective here was to
10 look at the potential ability of the sediments to release
11 organic carbon. This analysis was done because the EIR
12 didn't provide us with a way of estimating that at all. So
13 we had to come up with some method of doing that. This is
14 what we chose to do.

15 If, in fact, the 20 percent is too high, than we can
16 chose a lower percentage. But I point out that we had a low
17 organic carbon content, a very low organic content used in
18 this model or calculation; and so if you move that organic
19 matter, that level of organic matter, up to what has
20 actually been measured in the Delta, then the potential
21 release is still very high. If you move up to 50 percent
22 organic matter in the soils, then I think, if I recall
23 correctly, that calculation then comes to 120 milligrams per
24 liter versus 300.

25 So this, the conclusion that we arrived at from this
1156 01 calculation, is that there was a large component of the
02 potential release from the sediments that was not fully
03 considered. There is another point of uncertainty in those
04 calculations.

05 MS. BRENNER: The peat soil experiments, the Pace
06 Experiment was done to determine that, wasn't it?

07 DR. LOSEE: Determine what?

08 MS. BRENNER: The amount of organic carbon sediment
09 coming out of the peat soil. That was the intent of that
10 experiment, was it not?

11 DR. LOSEE: The intent of the experiment, as I
12 understand it, was to measure the amount of organic carbon
13 that could be leached, if you will, from the soil.

14 MS. BRENNER: Let's move to bioturbation, benthic
15 organisms. On Page 15 of your testimony you state that
16 biological activity of benthic organisms in benthic sediment

17 leads to an efficient transport mechanism for water
18 constituents such as DOC.

19 Did you consider any benthic biological processes such
20 as tube building by midge larvae in our sediment armory that
21 would reduce the transport of DOC from sediment to water?

22 DR. LOSEE: No, I didn't.

23 MS. BRENNER: To your knowledge, are chironomid or
24 midge larvae one of the most prominent benthic invertebrae
25 organisms?

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01 DR. LOSEE: I would guess, yes.

02 MS. BRENNER: Are you aware that rigid crusts or
03 armored sediments are present over the sediments in some
04 lakes?

05 DR. LOSEE: That may well be.

06 MS. BRENNER: Those crusts would decrease the flux of
07 TOC into the water column?

08 DR. LOSEE: I didn't see any reference to that in the
09 EIR.

10 MS. BRENNER: I am just asking you in general. That is,
11 in your opinion?

12 DR. LOSEE: Where the incrustation is, it may. But the
13 tube that the -- the interaction between the organism and
14 the sediments may not have that net effect. That would have
15 to be studied.

16 MS. BRENNER: In your analysis you considered
17 bioturbation methods that only increased DOC?

18 DR. LOSEE: Well, in our analysis we were looking at
19 the EIR, and we wanted to see whether the EIR had adequately
20 covered all conditions. And bioturbation wasn't considered.

21 So it was -- we were under the obligation of seeing
22 whether this could be an important source of organic
23 carbon. While it may be true that if you have this certain
24 kind of benthic insect larvae pollinizing the bottom of a
25 lake, that it would decrease the release of organic carbon.

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01 It is also true that there are many different benthic
02 organisms which would increase the release.

03 MS. BRENNER: I don't think we're disagreeing. I am
04 asking in your analysis did you take into consideration
05 those benthic organisms that actually decrease the DOC
06 versus just looking at the ones that increase?

07 DR. LOSEE: We didn't have any information about what
08 would be colonizing the lake bottoms. We were under the
09 obligation to see what would happen if there was release.

10 MS. BRENNER: Did you make any calculations of the
11 amount of DOC released by the Delta Wetlands' islands as a
12 result of bioturbation only?

13 DR. LOSEE: No, we didn't.

14 MS. BRENNER: You also talked about pore water flows
15 and mobilization mechanism for TOC, correct?

16 DR. LOSEE: Yes.

17 MS. BRENNER: And you indicated that Langmuir
18 circulation could also be set up by the wind and intimated
19 that these would increase the mobilization of TOC or DOC?

20 DR. LOSEE: Yes. That is part of what I said.

21 MS. BRENNER: Did you estimate the approximate diameter

22 of these Langmuir swells, or cells, excuse me, if they would
23 reach the sediments when the Delta reservoir was in the
24 normal, full, 22-foot deep condition?

25 DR. LOSEE: It wouldn't be necessary for them to, for
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01 the Langmuir circulations to impinge upon the bottom for
02 them to have this effect. I am talking about increasing
03 pore water circulation at least from the sediment.

04 MS. BRENNER: Did you measure the approximate diameter
05 of these Langmuir cells?

06 DR. LOSEE: As I said, that wasn't really necessary for
07 the point of the analysis. When you have Langmuir
08 circulation, when you have sufficient wind blowing in a
09 particular direction to set up Langmuir circulation, this is
10 a case where you have a spiraling of the water motion as it
11 moves in a horizontal direction, that results in a net
12 movement of water across the surface of the body of water in
13 that direction.

14 MS. BRENNER: Across the surface of the body of the
15 water?

16 DR. LOSEE: That's correct, across the surface. Once
17 that water is there, it's got to go someplace. It has to
18 return flow. And that return flow is going to be across the
19 bottom.

20 MS. BRENNER: The return flow will be on the bottom?

21 DR. LOSEE: That is correct.

22 MS. BRENNER: That is your opinion, correct?

23 DR. LOSEE: Yes, that is my opinion, yes.

24 MS. BRENNER: Based on the literature values and the
25 small size of Delta island reservoir, isn't it reasonable to
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01 expect that the upper end velocity of the Langmuir
02 circulation to be about 1 centimeter per second or less?

03 DR. LOSEE: I am not sure what you are characterizing
04 as small size.

05 DR. SHUM: That may be the ballpark value or the rough
06 estimate.

07 MS. BRENNER: Just a rough estimate?

08 DR. SHUM: I may want to the clarify. The so-called
09 Langmuir circulation are deep height and vertical flow in
10 the vertical plane.

11 MS. BRENNER: I didn't understand what you are telling
12 me.

13 DR. SHUM: Just the nature of what we are talking
14 about.

15 MS. BRENNER: Would you expect that the mixing
16 potential of the Langmuir swell in the Delta Wetlands'
17 reservoir is over ten feet from the sediment and had an
18 upswelling velocity of one centimeter per second to mix more
19 than the very top centimeters of the sediment?

20 DR. SHUM: Two things. First, the reservoirs are not
21 always full. When the reservoirs, I believe, statistics on
22 the percentage of capacity of the reservoirs, and I believe
23 what we find is between just 40 percent of the time the
24 reservoirs are only filled to a certain percentage, and part
25 of the time the water level is probably less than ten feet.

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01 Under those circumstances, given the horizontal extent of
02 those reservoir islands, any circulation generated from the
03 water column could reach to the bottom. One centimeter per
04 second does not sound like a large number. When you compare
05 that number with the length scale and time scale of
06 molecular diffusion, it is large.

07 MS. BRENNER: But you would agree that it was only
08 affected about one centimeter?

09 DR. SHUM: I think you are misinterpreting the one
10 centimeter per second. That is a velocity scale. What we
11 are talking about is transport scale.

12 For example, when we are talking about molecular
13 diffusion, we are talking about unit of centimeters squared
14 per second. In molecular diffusion is ten to the minus five
15 centimeters squared per second. And that is the kind of
16 comparison we are talking about in diffusion.

17 MS. BRENNER: Between diffusion and invection?

18 DR. SHUM: So, I think just looking at one centimeter
19 per second is misleading unless you put it in context with
20 molecular diffusion.

21 MS. BRENNER: You indicate at Page 14 of your
22 testimony, the steady wind typical in the Delta in the
23 summer afternoon would lead to a pile of water on the
24 windward side of the reservoir. This action is known as the
25 setup. Setup would be accompanied by return flow near the
1162 bottom.

01 That is what you were indicating earlier, correct?

02 DR. LOSEE: Correct.

03 MS. BRENNER: You state this return flow would enhance
04 the transfer of DOC, correct?

05 DR. LOSEE: Correct.

06 MS. BRENNER: Would the piled up water in the sediments
07 set up new water and less dense or cooler than the water
08 below it?

09 DR. LOSEE: Dr. Kavanaugh has testified that this water
10 -- these reservoirs would not become stratified. So it
11 wouldn't be significantly warmer, according to Dr.
12 Kavanaugh.

13 MS. BRENNER: I am asking, according to your opinion.

14 DR. LOSEE: That seems like a reasonable assessment.

15 MS. BRENNER: I am going to turn to Dr. Shum.

16 Thank you.

17 If we take a look at Exhibit 7A, which was data from
18 Delta Wetlands Exhibit 14, Table 14, I believe. This is a
19 completely new plot, Exhibit 7A.

20 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: While we are paused, how
21 much more time do you estimate you have?

22 MS. BRENNER: I am almost through. Ms. Schneider has
23 some questions for Mr. Buck. And then we have Mr. Nelson
24 has some questions for Mr. Nuzum regarding fish.

1163 I would estimate probably about another hour and a
01 half, maybe two. That is a conservative estimate.

02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Your estimate was two
03 hours.

04 MS. BRENNER: That was two hours without the new
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06 exhibits.

07 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Okay. We have five minutes
08 before we run out of paper, so when the Court Reporter runs
09 out paper we will take our lunch break.

10 MS. BRENNER: This is a completely new exhibit,
11 correct?

12 DR. SHUM: The look of it is. But the data, the FDM,
13 or Fischer Delta Model, input is part of Delta Wetlands
14 Exhibit 14B. Numbers are contained there.

15 MS. BRENNER: I understand this particular exhibit was
16 derived from Delta Wetlands direct written testimony. It
17 was not developed from any CUWA's direct written testimony,
18 was it?

19 DR. SHUM: The numbers are not.

20 MS. BRENNER: The data or the exhibit? It just a point
21 I need to make with the Board. It is another instance where
22 you have completely new information provided in exhibit, and
23 I was requested to show that, and that is all I am trying to
24 do.

25 Does CUWA Exhibit 7B show actual drainage from the
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01 Delta Wetlands' islands?

02 7B, which is your drainage estimates.

03 DR. SHUM: The numbers in CUWA Exhibit 7B is obtained
04 from the September 1995 Draft EIR/EIS from Table A1-9.

05 MS. BRENNER: Those are actual drainage from the Delta
06 Wetlands' islands, correct?

07 DR. SHUM: Those are estimates from Power records.

08 MS. BRENNER: Is the Bacon Island drainage higher or
09 lower than other Delta Wetlands' islands?

10 DR. SHUM: According to this estimate, the drainage per
11 acre is higher.

12 MS. BRENNER: How do these actual flow rates compare to
13 the Fischer Delta Model assumptions?

14 DR. SHUM: They are lower. I can give you specific
15 numbers.

16 MS. BRENNER: They are lower?

17 DR. SHUM: They are higher. The Fischer Delta Model
18 numbers are lower.

19 MS. BRENNER: Fischer Delta Model numbers are lower
20 than the drainage numbers set forth in this Exhibit 7B?

21 DR. SHUM: That is correct.

22 MS. BRENNER: They are about four times lower?

23 DR. SHUM: Yes, around there.

24 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it quite logical then that the
25 Bacon drainage salinities would be lower than the Fischer
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01 Delta Model assumptions?

02 DR. SHUM: Can you repeat that?

03 MS. BRENNER: Isn't it logical that the Bacon drainage
04 salinities would be lower than the Fischer Delta Model
05 simulates them to be?

06 DR. SHUM: What do you mean by logical?

07 MS. BRENNER: You have flow rates four times higher
08 than what the Fischer Delta Model reflects for Bacon
09 Island?

10 DR. SHUM: If you believe in the flow rates in CUWA

11 Exhibit 7B, it may be the case. But if you believe that,
12 you would also have to believe that the Delta may have up to
13 two and a half million acre-feet of drainage per year. But
14 I don't believe it is reasonable.

15 MS. BRENNER: That is based on actual electrical or
16 base of data, correct? Do you have any reason to believe
17 that those numbers are wrong?

18 DR. SHUM: Yes. There are two reasons to believe that
19 these numbers are wrong. The first is what I actually did
20 here, which was prorate the drainage volume to the entire
21 Delta, which gives me a very high number that I cannot
22 believe.

23 The second one is the Department of Water Resources
24 has programmed more specifically by the Municipal Water
25 Quality Investigation Program that set out to estimate the
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01 actual drainage in the Delta islands from Power
02 records. And that project has been abandoned because of the
03 lack of accuracy.

04 The conclusion is that the Power records is a very poor
05 reflection of the actual drainage pumping. The report for
06 that particular study has been circulated in the U.S.GS and
07 is not readily available. That is why I did not use it in
08 my presentation.

09 MS. BRENNER: The Fischer Delta Model actually
10 reflects four times or less, right? My point is, are you
11 saying these flow rates are four times off, that they are so
12 inaccurate that they would be inaccurate by four times?

13 DR. SHUM: I would not put so much emphasis on the
14 number four as that it's a substantial overestimate. It may
15 be twice overestimate or it may be four times. Or even six
16 times. At this point I don't think any one of us can say.

17 MS. BRENNER: The Fischer Delta Model has a lower
18 number proposed?

19 DR. SHUM: That's correct.

20 MS. BRENNER: So, if the Fischer Delta Model has a
21 lower number proposed, wouldn't the Fischer Delta Model
22 actually show a less of a benefit than what these numbers
23 reflect in the salinity numbers?

24 DR. SHUM: That would be correct.

25 MS. BRENNER: That would be correct?
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01 DR. SHUM: If we accept these numbers.

02 MS. BRENNER: I am saying, even if you don't accept
03 these numbers because of the discrepancy between the Fischer
04 Delta Model numbers and these numbers, somewhere inbetween
05 would be some sort of accurate numbers, wouldn't it, under
06 your assumption?

07 DR. SHUM: I cannot support that.

08 MS. BRENNER: Have you done any sort of mass balancing
09 of the salinity concentrations in Exhibit 7A to determine if
10 the Fischer Delta Model is actually overestimating the
11 benefits of foregone ag drainage from Bacon Island?

12 DR. SHUM: I have done some rough estimates. And if
13 the salinity in the -- and the data is correct, and if the
14 volume of the drainage in the Fischer Delta Model is
15 correct, --

16 MS. BRENNER: If the what?
17 DR. SHUM: If the drainage volume estimated in the
18 Fischer Delta Model is correct, then they will be
19 overestimated by about 200 percent, 200 percent in the
20 simulation.
21 MS. BRENNER: Overestimated by the fact it is a
22 foregone ag drainage?
23 DR. SHUM: Yes. If you mean by benefit you mean water
24 quality improvement.
25 MS. BRENNER: Yes.

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01 DR. SHUM: Reduction in degradation.
02 MS. BRENNER: Right.
03 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: We are going to stop now,
04 and we will reconvene at 1:00 p.m.
05 (Luncheon recess taken.)
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01 AFTERNOON SESSION
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03 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: We will reconvene, and
04 continue cross-examination of the panel by Delta Wetlands
05 Properties.
06 MS. BRENNER: Thank you, Mr. Stubchaer.
07 Dr. Shum, to continue. We have been discussing the
08 Fischer Delta Model overestimates ag drainage, correct?
09 DR. SHUM: Only from those Delta islands.
10 MS. BRENNER: Let's just start from step one.
11 Previously, we were just talking about, before lunch,
12 whether the Fischer Delta Model overestimates ag drainage.
13 DR. SHUM: Are you talking about the salinity or
14 volume? There is a difference.
15 MS. BRENNER: Salinity.
16 DR. SHUM: Yes.
17 MS. BRENNER: The Fischer Delta Model takes a volume of
18 water as a salinity value. The Fischer Delta Model itself
19 takes the volume of water, salinity value, and discharges
20 that back into the Delta, correct?

21 DR. SHUM: That's correct.
22 MS. BRENNER: It does a little bit more than that.
23 Those are the parameters that are necessary when you are --
24 that are pertinent, when you are looking at ag drainage,
25 correct?

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01 DR. SHUM: Salinity and the volume.
02 MS. BRENNER: Salinity and the volume?
03 DR. SHUM: Yes.
04 MS. BRENNER: Your Figure 7A says the salinity value
05 measured by the MWQI were about half of the Fischer Delta
06 Model for Bacon Island, correct?
07 DR. SHUM: It varies between very close to maybe off by
08 a factor of more than three, I would say.
09 MS. BRENNER: The flows from the Figure 7B are four
10 times approximately the Fischer Delta Model flows, that you
11 question their accuracy, correct?
12 DR. SHUM: I did not put the exact numbers from the
13 Fischer Delta Model in this table. But the comparison is
14 about right.
15 MS. BRENNER: Go ahead.
16 DR. SHUM: I called the accuracy of these numbers into
17 question, not because of its comparison with the Fischer
18 Delta Model, but because of the magnitude related to the
19 entire Delta.
20 MS. BRENNER: You are trying to take the Bacon Island
21 numbers and put them across the entire Delta. It just
22 doesn't seem to make sense, correct?
23 DR. SHUM: That's correct.
24 MS. BRENNER: Well, based upon the MWQI salinity and
25 the Fischer Delta Model flow, would the result be about half

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01 the amount of salt discharging off of Bacon Island?
02 DR. SHUM: Under existing conditions that would be
03 about right.
04 MS. BRENNER: That would be about right.
05 DR. SHUM: Without going into numbers.
06 MS. BRENNER: If you measured the flows and MWQI
07 measured salinities, what would be the salt discharged off
08 of Bacon?
09 DR. SHUM: The total salt flow?
10 MS. BRENNER: Right.
11 DR. SHUM: I don't remember making that particular
12 estimate.
13 MS. BRENNER: If you have four times the flow, and half
14 the salt, wouldn't that be two times the Fischer Delta Model
15 results?
16 DR. SHUM: That's correct.
17 MS. BRENNER: The Fischer Delta Model is fairly
18 conservative based on that?
19 DR. SHUM: Conservative is relative. If you are
20 referring to whether it overestimates or underestimates,
21 until we've got the actual, reliable estimates measure in
22 the field, I don't think we can make any claims.
23 MS. BRENNER: We are just taking the measured flows and
24 the measured salinity, or MWQI data, we would have about two
25 times the salt than the Fischer Delta Model results?

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01 DR. SHUM: I would not call this measured flows if you
02 are referring the numbers I have in Exhibit 7B. These are
03 estimates from Power Record, and, as I explained, this has
04 been shown to be unreliable estimates.

05 MS. BRENNER: Let's talk about those estimates. Isn't
06 it true that the ag drainage for Bacon Island and other
07 Delta islands was determined in the 1955 study set forth in
08 the Table C2-1 of the Environmental Impact Report, and the
09 drainage from that study is basically the same as your
10 calculations?

11 DR. SHUM: The ones from the Fischer Delta Model.

12 MS. BRENNER: No. The ones that are used in the 1955
13 study, which is set forth in Table C2-1 of the Environmental
14 Impact Report.

15 Go ahead.

16 DR. SHUM: I need to refer to that.

17 I have the table in front of me. Which information?

18 MS. BRENNER: Doesn't that table indicate that the 1955
19 study is basically the same as your calculations?

20 DR. SHUM: My calculations you are referring to --

21 MS. BRENNER: The data output, the 7B.

22 DR. SHUM: By numbers in this table -- to be more
23 specific, which column are you referring to?

24 MS. BRENNER: Take a look at Bacon Island.

25 DR. SHUM: There are a number of rows. Which

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01 particular number are you referring to?

02 MS. BRENNER: The ag drainage.

03 DR. SHUM: You have got the fourth and fifth column.
04 Drainage water and the outside water, are those the numbers
05 you are referring to?

06 MS. BRENNER: Should be drainage as inches.

07 DR. SHUM: I haven't looked at this table in any detail
08 before. First thing that comes to my mind is the second
09 column drained land acres. Under Bacon Island, the unit, 22
10 to 27, the acreage varies between 2,800 to 33,000
11 acres. And that seems to be different from how our
12 understanding of the total acreage before Delta Wetlands. I
13 don't know exactly what this data would refer to.

14 For example, 22 right next to Bacon Island, the drained
15 land is listed as 19,000 acres. And I don't know what that
16 number would refer to, whether it is the sum of -- for
17 comparison, the Bacon Island has a total acreage of 5,456
18 acres, which is much, much smaller than that 19,000 number
19 that you have over there.

20 MS. BRENNER: Do you have a total drainage for that
21 island on the Table C2-1?

22 DR. SHUM: I wish you can tell me. I don't know. I
23 cannot identify that number.

24 MS. BRENNER: If you look at the third column in, DW
25 drainage water in inches. If you go down to Bacon Island,

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01 and meet those two numbers across, you get a number, don't
02 you?

03 DR. SHUM: The 74.4. Before we go on, does that 74.4
04 relate to that drained land of 19,000 acres, or does it

05 refer to something else? What does that have to or how does
06 that correspond with Bacon Island?

07 MS. BRENNER: I am not sure how the drained lands
08 corresponds to irrigated lands percentage.

09 DR. SHUM: Clarify this. It is hard for me to
10 interpret these numbers.

11 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I have a question. If the
12 drainage is expressed as a depth, does the acreage matter
13 Or does the acreage matter only as to the total volume?

14 DR. SHUM: The question is how you estimated the
15 drainage. If you estimate by the total volume, say,
16 measured at a particular point and divide that by the area,
17 and get the inches from there, then, the number you use for
18 the acreage would matter.

19 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Yes. But is this -- I
20 don't have the appendix in the EIR. I have it before me.
21 Are you looking at a --

22 MS. BRENNER: He's looking a 1955 study that took in
23 several different factors.

24 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: So there is no one here who
25 can testify whether the depth was calculated correctly,

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01 whether the total volume was divided by the right number or
02 not; we don't know?

03 MS. BRENNER: I think my understanding of this study is
04 that it took more than just that factor to determine the
05 drainage. It was an extensive study done in 1955 to
06 determine the ag drainage in the Delta.

07 I am just trying to point out to Dr. Shum that these
08 numbers are similar to his 7B calculations. Thus, there is
09 another avenue here to justify the 7B numbers. Those are
10 different numbers than the Fisher Delta Model uses. That is
11 the main point.

12 DR. SHUM: Just by looking at that number of inches,
13 which is 74.4, which is over six feet, and if you consider
14 the applied irrigation water in the Delta or elsewhere for
15 agricultural, I believe it's of the order, depends on the
16 crops, from eight feet to six, seven feet. If you have to
17 get six feet of drainage, I think you have to apply a lot of
18 irrigation water. So it does not seem to be reasonable to
19 me.

20 MS. BRENNER: But it correlates with the other numbers
21 that you don't think seem to be reasonable either?

22 DR. SHUM: Well, if you look further down, you have the
23 number 6.6, which is half a foot.

24 MS. BRENNER: Which island?

25 DR. SHUM: On the same column. If you instead look at
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01 unit 22, if you look at 27, or the bottom of the column, the
02 same column, you got numbers 74.4. The number here is 6.6.
03 Also, if look across from 74.4, the applied water is only
04 16.7 inches and the column under missing water is 76.7; that
05 is inches of water missing. Until we figure out where that
06 water went, it will be premature of us to use those numbers
07 in any context.

08 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Where is the precipitation
09 in this table?

10 MS. BRENNER: You have to ask some other people in the
11 room. I don't know where the precipitation is.

12 DR. SHUM: At the bottom of that same table, it said
13 the rainfall for the water year 1955 was 14.2 inches.

14 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Thank you.

15 MS. BRENNER: The 1955 study that you are looking at,
16 they came up with very similar numbers as your 7B, Exhibit
17 7B numbers; isn't that correct?

18 DR. SHUM: That would depend on which number you refer
19 to.

20 MS. BRENNER: Bacon Island.

21 DR. SHUM: If you refer to 74.4, there is a chance that
22 it is. But if you look at 6.6, I guess it would be quite
23 different.

24 MS. BRENNER: If you look at the averages, though, with
25 your daily average --

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01 DR. SHUM: If you look at the average, say, from 74.4
02 all the way down to 6.6, next highest number is 22.9. And
03 the average, I believe, would be more in the area of around
04 20.

05 MS. BRENNER: Do you have any drainage estimate other
06 than those in the EIR from the Delta Wetlands' islands? Do
07 you have any other than what is in the EIR?

08 DR. SHUM: No, I don't.

09 MS. BRENNER: And the output data used in the 7B --

10 DR. SHUM: You mean the lower half of the table?

11 MS. BRENNER: I am talking about the lower half.
12 Let' move on.

13 Consumptive use is not the same as drainage flow, is
14 it?

15 DR. SHUM: Is consumptive use drainage flow? Is that
16 your question?

17 MS. BRENNER: Right.

18 DR. SHUM: Consumptive use is the diversion minus
19 agricultural return. So it is different from drainage.

20 MS. BRENNER: During a rainfall, drainage increases,
21 doesn't it?

22 DR. SHUM: It does.

23 MS. BRENNER: Could ag drainage volumes be
24 underestimated in the Fischer Delta Models?

25 DR. SHUM: The way that the Fischer Delta Model

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01 estimates return flow on drainage includes the rainfall on
02 the islands and assigns a factor to the total rainfall and
03 return volume to the Delta. So, as far as those factors are
04 reliable, it takes into account rainfall.

05 MS. BRENNER: The Fischer Delta Model accounts for the
06 incremental effects of reduced ag drainage from the Delta
07 Wetlands' islands, doesn't it?

08 DR. SHUM: If you are referring to the Delta Wetlands
09 Exhibit 14B, they've got specific description on how that is
10 accounted for.

11 MS. BRENNER: You used the data from the Delta
12 Wetlands' islands and attempted to extrapolate to all the
13 other islands, or have you just focused on the Delta
14 Wetlands' islands in your 7B, 7A?

15 DR. SHUM: Actually, it's easier if we put on 7B.
16 MS. BRENNER: I just wondered if you have attempted to
17 extrapolate those numbers to the entire Delta?
18 DR. SHUM: I did, and the way I did it was by using the
19 same drainage volume per acre.
20 MS. BRENNER: Did you use the Bacon number?
21 DR. SHUM: Yeah. For example, for Bacon Island, which
22 is the second column, the measured value in 1988 is around
23 29,000 acre-foot. And I divided that number by 5539 which
24 is the number of acres on Bacon Island, and I multiplied
25 that by the total drainage -- total irrigated area in the
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01 Delta, which is -- the number I used was 378,000 acre.
02 MS. BRENNER: Based on your position with regard to the
03 Bacon Island numbers, is that a justified extrapolation,
04 then?
05 DR. SHUM: Without -- I do not have a very detailed
06 understanding on the land use of different islands in the
07 Delta. That would be a rough estimate.
08 MS. BRENNER: You don't have any familiarity with the
09 different irrigation practices then?
10 DR. SHUM: Only in a very casual sense.
11 MS. BRENNER: You don't know how much irrigation would
12 be applied to potatoes versus some other crop?
13 DR. SHUM: At one time I have seen those numbers, but I
14 do not recall.
15 MS. BRENNER: Are you familiar with the Department of
16 Water Resources estimates in their DIDI Report?
17 DR. SHUM: DIDI?
18 MS. BRENNER: They use 700,000 thousand acre-feet as
19 an average.
20 DR. SHUM: Yeah. That is the kind of numbers I have.
21 As a matter of fact, I have computed or calculated the
22 Fischer Delta Model number used in ag drainage, including
23 the contribution from rainfall; and that is around 500,000
24 acre-feet.
25 MS. BRENNER: The Fischer Delta Model uses around
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01 500,000 acre-feet?
02 DR. SHUM: Yes. It varies from year to year.
03 MS. BRENNER: The EIR used about, approximately a
04 million acre-feet?
05 DR. SHUM: For the entire Delta? I thought it is
06 between 500 and 700, as you suggested. Also, I remember,
07 but Russ Brown, Dr. Brown, would be the person to confirm
08 this. I think he used a number between 500 and 700,000.
09 MS. BRENNER: If you take all of the numbers and
10 average them out and extrapolate them to the entire Delta,
11 won't you get numbers about a million acre-feet, using your
12 7B?
13 DR. SHUM: How do you get 1,000,000?
14 MS. BRENNER: If you apply those -- if you extrapolate
15 to the entire Delta and you average it out.
16 DR. SHUM: Yeah. I got 1.2.
17 MS. BRENNER: You got about 1.2 million acre-feet?
18 DR. SHUM: Yes.
19 MS. BRENNER: You don't recollect what the EIR used?

20 DR. SHUM: You are referring to the --

21 MS. BRENNER: The Environmental Impact Report.

22 DR. SHUM: The total Delta drainage? I thought it was
23 between 500 and 700.

24 MS. BRENNER: Did the Contra Costa or CUWA version of
25 the Fischer Delta Model analyze ag drainage in the same way
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01 as what has been done whether in this instance for Delta
02 Wetlands?

03 DR. SHUM: I don't believe CUWA, per se, has Fischer
04 Delta Model. Metropolitan and Contra Costa both have
05 versions of the Fischer Delta Model. At the Contra Costa
06 Water District, the major use application of the Fischer
07 Delta Model is to look at seawater intrusion under different
08 upstream levels of operation conditions.

09 And I don't recall specifically if Fischer Delta has
10 been used to study the effects of ag drainage in a cell.

11 MS. BRENNER: CCWD has never used the Fischer model to
12 determine any kind of ag drainage?

13 DR. SHUM: I have been at CCDW for two and a half
14 years, so I cannot state before my time what has been used.
15 I don't recall I have used it myself.

16 MS. BRENNER: Ms. Schneider will take over from here.

17 MS. SCHNEIDER: Mr. Stubchaer. I have a number of
18 questions for Mr. Buck.

19 Mr. Buck, I have some questions. I want to clarify the
20 testimony you gave, in particular with respect to the terms
21 that you're suggesting that the Water Board include in any
22 permits that are issued to Delta Wetlands.

23 I think you testified that it is CUWA's position that
24 no water users in all of the Delta Wetlands' place of use,
25 and that is the whole service area in the state and federal
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01 projects, believe that the Delta Wetlands' water will be
02 helpful in meeting their reasonable needs in the future.
03 This certainly implies that CUWA doesn't see any demand for
04 the water that Delta Wetlands will provide.

05 So, it is your testimony that it's CUWA's position that
06 DW water cannot meet any of the 4,000,000 acre-feet
07 shortfall that the state projects?

08 MR. BUCK: If the water were of a quality that would
09 be acceptable for introduction into the system, it possibly
10 could meet a portion of those demands were a deal be struck
11 and that water be purchased. At this level of quality, what
12 we expect, we see no market for it. We also see that this
13 would be spot market for the most part, and there will be
14 cheaper water available, in that event.

15 MS. SCHNEIDER: One of the reasons that you intimated
16 in your testimony was that you were worried about the
17 ultimate reasonable beneficial use of this water. My
18 question to you: Would CUWA's concerns be alleviated to any
19 extent if Delta Wetlands were to agree that any purchaser of
20 its water or of the whole Delta Wetlands Project would have
21 to sign the ag or urban water conservation MOU's?

22 MR. BUCK: I don't think that, in and of itself, would
23 make sure it's a reasonable and beneficial use. What we are
24 saying, it hasn't been demonstrated where that water would

25 be used. So, that hasn't be demonstrated to the Board. It
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01 is possible that it could be at some point; it hasn't to
02 date, however.

03 MS. SCHNEIDER: CUWA is taking the position, and it
04 appears that even if the project had no net annual impact on
05 export water quality, that no project should be permitted
06 unless it substantially improves State Project export water
07 quality.

08 Is that the case?

09 MR. BUCK: I don't think that is quite the case. What
10 we are looking for here is not to be injured by the project.
11 What we are looking for in the broad sense of projects in
12 the Delta, like through the CAL/FED process, we are at a
13 point where the water quality is marginal. We want to see
14 projects come along that improve the water quality. It
15 wouldn't necessarily have to have a standard that everyone
16 absolutely had to do. But what we are looking at here is we
17 don't want injury from this project, and we see injury from
18 this project.

19 MS. SCHNEIDER: So, the standard of absolutely no
20 injury is one that you would apply to Delta Wetlands, but
21 maybe not necessarily to any other upcoming projects?

22 MR. BUCK: No. We are looking certainly no more than
23 a de minimis impact. What we are talking about here is
24 public health and safety for 20,000,000 people.

25 We've got bad water quality now. We've got increasing
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01 regulations that are making our ability to treat more
02 difficult. It is putting costs on us, and certainly for
03 meeting those regulations. It's at a point of a matter of
04 public policy, but it's probably bad policy, we believe, to
05 have projects come along that externalize their cost and
06 cause impacts on the public water purveyors that have to
07 treat that water. That cost should be borne by the
08 applicant.

09 MS. SCHNEIDER: Maybe the standard is more de minimis
10 impact rather than no impact. Can you think of any upcoming
11 projects, other than, maybe, some version of the peripheral
12 canal that can meet this criteria, that you meet this
13 criteria that you are setting out here today?

14 MR. BUCK: The canal in itself does not change the
15 water quality. One of the projects that CUWA is working on
16 is to bring in a banking concept within the Valley where you
17 do have increases. We are looking at going out and putting
18 a technology or retiring land, for instance, that would
19 improve the water quality in the system.

20 So projects that would be brought along would have to
21 be mitigated in more or less a bubble concept to get
22 improvement in water quality, and that is what we are
23 looking for. We are at the point we can't stand anymore
24 degradation.

25 MS. SCHNEIDER: Among the other things you mentioned
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01 in your testimony, you want to make sure that Delta Wetlands
02 is required to monitor these various water quality
03 parameters; isn't that correct?

04 MR. BUCK: That's correct.

05 MS. SCHNEIDER: Are you aware that in the EIR
06 mitigation measures extensive monitoring is already
07 required, for instance, for chlorides, DOC, UVM, THM,
08 temperature, dissolved oxygen, algae?

09 MR. BUCK: Certainly, we are aware there are monitoring
10 requirements. They were not adequate to address the things
11 we are concerned with. Also, there was no requirement for
12 mitigation of impacts that might occur, in our view. Hence
13 our recommendation for the water quality monitoring
14 requirement and the limitations.

15 MS. SCHNEIDER: I take it your review of the EIR didn't
16 disclose to you that there were mitigation measures in
17 there that would relate to either monitoring those
18 parameters adequately or doing anything about them if so
19 level was exceeded?

20 MR. BUCK: They were certainly not adequate mitigation
21 measures, and we don't consider monitoring it and of itself
22 mitigation, which the EIR seems to indicate it does.

23 MS. SCHNEIDER: I want to talk about the terms that
24 you're explicitly requesting. You testified that it is
25 CUWA's position that 4 milligram per liter DOC limit on

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01 Delta Wetlands' diversions should be a permit term.

02 Isn't that correct?

03 MR. BUCK: Yes, that's correct. We are wanting better
04 than average water quality to go onto the islands.

05 MS. SCHNEIDER: At the same time, though, in your
06 testimony you note that DOC levels range up to 11 milligrams
07 per liter at five various South Delta locations; isn't that
08 correct?

09 MR. BUCK: We recognize it is higher at times, yes.

10 MS. SCHNEIDER: The range of DOC and TOC at the export
11 pump is measured, right?

12 MR. BUCK: Yes, it is.

13 MS. SCHNEIDER: Patty, could you put up Figure 17 from
14 CUWA Exhibit 7?

15 Figure 17 shows that Banks, various measurement points
16 related to Banks pumping plant have quite a range. It shows
17 that Banks already is receiving water that is at or well in
18 excess of 4 milligrams per liter DOC. Isn't that correct?

19 MR. BUCK: Looking at this data, yes, that is correct.

20 MS. SCHNEIDER: That is your CUWA Exhibit 7, Figure 17,
21 right? That is your own data, in other words?

22 MR. BUCK: These are not averages; they are grab
23 samples.

24 MS. SCHNEIDER: The box up at the top of that figure
25 indicates range, isn't that correct, average?

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01 DR. SHUM: Yes. There are two lines. The range is --
02 this data came from grab samples, if I understand correctly,
03 and there are people in the room who can correct me if I am
04 wrong. So those are instantaneous concentrations at one
05 particular time at Banks.

06 And as it is shown here, it can range up to ten and a
07 half, but the average of all those numbers is a little bit
08 under four.

09 MS. SCHNEIDER: Sometimes you have taken grab samples
10 at Banks, for instance, that have a DOC in milligrams per
11 liter of over 10.0, right?

12 DR. SHUM: That's correct.

13 MS. SCHNEIDER: So, maybe -- back to Mr. Buck.

14 Mr. Buck, when has the State Water Project stopped
15 diverting water because DOC levels at Banks were over 4
16 milligrams per liter DOC?

17 MR. BUCK: I am not aware of any, but that is not what
18 we are talking about here. We are talking about another
19 project coming in, adding constituents to the water. We
20 want to see that water quality improve as a result of the
21 project.

22 MS. SCHNEIDER: You are not aware of any time that the
23 project has stopped diverting water because of DOC level at
24 any particular rate?

25 MR. BUCK: At this point, no.

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01 MS. SCHNEIDER: Would it be true then that state
02 project exports are never limited solely because of DOC
03 levels?

04 MR. BUCK: At this time, no.

05 MS. SCHNEIDER: You testified that Delta Wetlands'
06 discharged water DOC must not exceed ambient DOC levels in
07 the channel or 10 milligrams per liter, whichever is less.
08 So, basically, isn't it your testimony that Delta Wetlands
09 has water in storage? When it discharges that water, it
10 can't discharge that water if that discharge DOC level is
11 more than the level of the receiving water in the channel?

12 MR. BUCK: Yes. We are looking at no increase over
13 ambient. This is not to say that our conditions are
14 perfect. The Board certainly has latitude to craft
15 something that has a de minimis impact. What we are looking
16 for is not to be injured by this project. What we see right
17 now is a wide possibility that there could be great injury
18 and great increase in treatment costs and pushing us over
19 the thresholds for treatment that we would otherwise not
20 have to incur.

21 MS. SCHNEIDER: CUWA testified that there will be an
22 addition DOC to water in storage on Delta reservoir islands;
23 isn't that correct?

24 MR. BUCK: That is our belief.

25 MS. SCHNEIDER: Wouldn't the term that we just

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01 discussed mean that Delta Wetlands would be prohibited from
02 discharging for export at essentially all times?

03 MR. BUCK: I don't think we have data to indicate that
04 at all times. Certainly, it couldn't increase over
05 ambient.

06 DR. WOLFE: I would say that certainly the potential is
07 there. And we believe that that potential is pretty real,
08 that it would exceed 4 milligrams per liter, and we would
09 incur additional treatment costs as well as new treatment
10 processes.

11 MS. SCHNEIDER: It seems that that term is not really
12 tied to 4 in terms of discharges. It is tied to ambient
13 channel salinities. If you testified, as you have

14 previously today, that DOC levels will increase when Delta
15 Wetlands' water is in storage, no matter how much, then what
16 this term does, doesn't it, it prevents Delta Wetlands from
17 discharging?

18 DR. WOLFE: I think you have to -- we are kind of
19 missing the picture here. And the picture -- the issue is
20 that Delta Wetlands is contributing, the project is
21 contributing organic carbon to a base load that is already
22 high and it is already causing problems. So, with the
23 project in place, we are increasing the amount of DOC, and
24 that increase in DOC is going to relate to cost. That is
25 what this about. You are adding a contaminant to the water,
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01 which is the designed -- regulations are designed to
02 prevent.

03 MS. SCHNEIDER: Is it your testimony, Mr. Wolfe, that
04 DOC is a contaminant then?

05 DR. WOLFE: Yes, it is; it is my testimony.

06 MS. SCHNEIDER: What we are looking at here is a
07 discharge term that would appear to be equivalent to a zero
08 change significance criteria; is that correct?

09 DR. WOLFE: That is correct.

10 MS. SCHNEIDER: In EIR's parlance, if there is any
11 change in DOC, any increase at all, that would be a
12 significant effect?

13 DR. WOLFE: We believe that to be the case, given the
14 fact that these are public health-based standards and when
15 the public health is at risk, we cannot, as a water utility,
16 permit anything which could increase the public health risk
17 associated with a project.

18 MS. SCHNEIDER: Do you or Mr. Buck have any upcoming
19 project in mind that could meet the zero change significance
20 criteria?

21 MR. BUCK: Ones that we are contemplating now?

22 MS. SCHNEIDER: Do you know of a project in
23 contemplation by CAL/FED or anyone else that you are aware
24 of that could meet a zero significance criteria?

25 MR. BUCK: That is a different question. If you are
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01 talking about CAL/FED, certainly some of the alternatives
02 could improve export water quality significantly.

03 MS. SCHNEIDER: But your testimony would be, if they
04 didn't improve water quality significantly, they shouldn't
05 be considered?

06 MR. BUCK: We certainly want to see CAL/FED's goal of
07 improved water quality for export in-Delta uses realized,
08 that if the project does meet its objectives or its solution
09 principles, it doesn't do that.

10 MS. SCHNEIDER: I want to clarify your discharge terms
11 with a couple more questions. It appears that it would
12 allow Delta Wetlands to dribble out water that it had in
13 storage at a very low rate --

14 MR. BUCK: Or treat that.

15 MS. SCHNEIDER: -- only during extremely high Delta
16 flows, flood events, basically. So it can dribble out its
17 water, if it didn't decide to put a treatment plant on the
18 reservoir island. It can dribble out its water if it had to

19 get rid of it, if stored water DOC were higher than channel
20 DOC levels.

21 Is that the gist of the provision?

22 MR. BUCK: Yeah, at certain threshold, at 10 I
23 believe. At the point the water quality got that bad, you'd
24 have to do something to the water, and you'd want to
25 discharge it under high flow conditions at a level that

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01 wouldn't cause great impact.

02 MS. SCHNEIDER: It is CUWA's position that it would
03 want Delta Wetlands' water to be wasted in this flood event
04 if its DOC levels were higher than channel DOC levels, no
05 matter what the DOC at the export pumps might be?

06 MR. BUCK: I object to the term "wasted." We would
07 not want to see it introduced into the export system.

08 MS. SCHNEIDER: In addition to DOC terms, you have
09 salinity terms. Your testimony is that the Delta Wetlands
10 should not divert if its TDS levels exceed 180 milligrams
11 per liter. 180 milligrams per liter TDS is about 50
12 milligrams per liter chloride.

13 Is that essentially your term?

14 MR. BUCK: Can I refer to Dr. Denton?

15 MS. SCHNEIDER: The question is: You're recommending
16 that Delta Wetlands not divert if chlorides are over about
17 50 milligrams per liter or TDS is over 180 milligrams per
18 liter. Isn't that your term?

19 DR. DENTON: That is about right.

20 MS. SCHNEIDER: So it is correct?

21 MR. BUCK: Yes.

22 MS. SCHNEIDER: Isn't it true that that limitation is
23 even more restrictive than, say, Contra Costa self-imposed
24 50 milligrams per liter chloride goal for diversion to Los
25 Vaqueros storage?

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01 DR. DENTON: If it's 50 milligrams per liter, it is the
02 same.

03 MS. SCHNEIDER: I didn't actually translate 180 TDS to
04 milligrams per liter chloride. I think it is under 50.

05 DR. DENTON: I think what we did is we started off with
06 a calculation of what the 50 was, and then took into account
07 what the water quality would have to be. So that at the end
08 of the evaporation cycle, it would be closer to the 50
09 milligrams per liter chloride.

10 MS. SCHNEIDER: Along the same lines of the DOC issue,
11 has the State Project, Mr. Buck, ever stopped exporting
12 solely because chloride at Banks exceeded 50 milligrams per
13 liter?

14 MR. BUCK: To my knowledge, they haven't stopped
15 exporting. There has certainly been significant problems
16 with export salinity that has been brought to the attention
17 of the State Project with the emphasis on them to try and
18 meet the export goals.

19 MS. SCHNEIDER: So, it is your testimony that the
20 project has had significant problems at chloride over 50
21 milligrams per liter?

22 MR. BUCK: There has been significant problems with
23 salinity in the project during drought periods.

24 MS. SCHNEIDER: I am not sure you answered my
25 question.

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01 DR. WOLFE: I guess this would be in reference more to
02 the TDS. There have been projects the Department of Water
03 Resources has shut down because of introduction of that TDS
04 water has been higher than the ambient level in the aqueduct
05 at that time. So, there is precedence, at least for TDS.

06 MS. SCHNEIDER: Your testimony is that Delta Wetlands
07 should not divert unless salinity is less than 180 TDS or
08 less than 50 milligrams chloride because that is the State
09 Water Project's "long-term TDS requirement."

10 Isn't this referring to the ten-year average salinity
11 objective for State Water Project delivered water? In other
12 words, you want Delta Wetlands' daily diversions to be
13 limited to what is a ten-year average salinity goal for
14 State Water Project delivered water; is that correct?

15 MR. BUCK: Again, the point is better than average
16 water quality so we can be reasonably assured that
17 reasonably good water quality would come off.

18 MS. SCHNEIDER: My question is to the basis for
19 setting that number. And is it correct that your testimony
20 is that the basis for setting that number is this ten-year
21 average salinity goal for delivered water?

22 DR. WOLFE: Yes, that is correct.

23 MS. SCHNEIDER: You want to apply that to Delta
24 Wetlands' diversions on a daily basis?

25 DR. WOLFE: That is, I don't -- yeah, that is correct.

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01 MS. SCHNEIDER: Your testimony is, further, that Delta
02 Wetlands should not be able to discharge water from
03 reservoir storage if salinity levels in the discharge water
04 exceed ambient channel salinity levels or 440 milligrams per
05 liter TDS, whichever is lower; isn't that correct?

06 MR. BUCK: That's correct.

07 MS. SCHNEIDER: And you also suggest that the 440
08 milligram per liter TDS is the maximum because the State
09 Water Project's maximum monthly average salinity objective
10 for delivered State Project water is also 440; isn't that
11 right?

12 MR. BUCK: That is the reference, yes.

13 MS. SCHNEIDER: Isn't it true that Delta Wetlands'
14 discharges are almost always less than 440, but may well be
15 above ambient channel salinities at any given time?

16 DR. DENTON: This is Dr. Denton.

17 The reasons we came up with these requirements was in
18 the literature that we read about Delta Wetlands the idea
19 was that it was that Delta Wetlands would take water when
20 there was high flows, good water quality, put it onto the
21 islands, and help the Delta by discharging into the Delta
22 during periods of low flows when there was poor water
23 quality.

24 The more we looked at the data, we found that that was
25 not the case. So what we realized is that there are times

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01 from the data from Dr. List, for instance, that the water
02 was being discharged off the islands because of the timing

03 of when it was taken onto the islands and because
04 evaporation was much higher salinity than the receiving
05 water.

06 Here was a project that was taking on water, poor water
07 quality; it was being diverted by evaporation and being put
08 back into the Delta when, curiously enough, the water
09 quality was good and at the time when the state projects and
10 Los Vaqueros, Contra Costa Water District, would be wanting
11 to use that water.

12 We needed to have a permit term that would protect
13 urban water users against that situation, where the project
14 was acting to degrade water quality.

15 MS. SCHNEIDER: Since you mentioned Dr. List's work,
16 because that was work done at the request of Contra Costa
17 Water District, in Dr. List's work, a very important factor
18 was the reduction in ag diversions and discharges.

19 Have the benefits of those reductions come into any of
20 your calculations in determining what kind of a term to
21 require here?

22 DR. DENTON: The benefits of diversion, the existing
23 agricultural diversion onto Delta Wetlands' islands, was
24 included in Dr. List's testimony. What we will be
25 presenting in more detail in Contra Costa Water District's
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01 testimony is that that benefit does not exist. It may be
02 existing as a water supply benefit. But because it is
03 occurring during balanced conditions, that water will be
04 saved in upstream reservoirs and used somewhere else. It
05 will not appear as an increase in Delta outflow, which is
06 the basis on which Dr. List was making his assumption that
07 with the Delta Wetlands in place as an integrated part of
08 the complete water projects in the Delta and upstream,
09 somehow the fact that Delta Wetlands retired some diversions
10 from agricultural island was going to suddenly appear as
11 additional Delta outflow and produce for all time
12 improvements in water quality in the Delta. And that is
13 absolutely not true.

14 MS. SCHNEIDER: For purposes of CUWA's testimony, no
15 analysis was included of the effects at all of any reduced
16 agricultural diversions or reduced agricultural discharges;
17 is that correct?

18 DR. DENTON: We took the data from Dr. List and looking
19 at what he was showing.

20 MS. SCHNEIDER: I am talking about CUWA.

21 DR. DENTON: Well, in preparing CUWA's testimony, we
22 looked at the data that was coming from Dr. List's studies,
23 and we discounted the improvement due to reduction in ag
24 diversions onto the island because that wasn't being modeled
25 correctly.

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01 What we found, that even if you were looking at the
02 modeling that he was doing in terms of agricultural
03 discharges off the islands, they weren't -- that wasn't
04 appearing as a water quality improvement.

05 MS. SCHNEIDER: Are you saying for your analysis of the
06 Draft EIR/EIS, I suppose, that you discounted completely any
07 benefits from agricultural diversions or discharges

08 foregone?

09 DR. DENTON: In terms of the EIR/EIS, any work that we
10 did in analyzing that was just looking at the resulting
11 changes in salinity. And we didn't see any effects of
12 removal of existing agricultural premises.

13 MS. SCHNEIDER: Let me go back to the salinity
14 discharge water term that you are proposing. You don't want
15 Delta Wetlands' reservoir water to be discharged whenever
16 salinities are above ambient channel salinities.

17 Isn't this term essentially a limitation that is saying
18 that there can be zero change and that is, therefore, a zero
19 change significance criteria?

20 You answered that last time, Mr. Buck.

21 MR. BUCK: It is saying zero degradation, basically.
22 That is what we are looking for is no impact.

23 MS. SCHNEIDER: Just to give some sense of what that
24 means in the project situation, may we look at your Figures
25 10 and 11 from CUWA Exhibit 7?

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01 That salinity in Webb Tract discharge -- if you go to
02 Figure 10, is salinity in Webb Tract discharge and 11 is
03 Bacon Island discharge.

04 Isn't it the case that these figures show that the CUWA
05 salinity term for DW discharges would not allow Delta
06 Wetlands to discharge for export even when discharge water
07 chlorides are less than the 250 milligrams per liter
08 objective under the Water Quality Control Plan for Banks all
09 the time?

10 DR. DENTON: The water quality impacts for Banks?

11 MS. SCHNEIDER: In this --

12 DR. DENTON: How about Rock Slough?

13 MS. SCHNEIDER: My question had to do with the 250
14 limit at Banks.

15 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Ms. Schneider --

16 MS. SCHNEIDER: Is it correct that that --

17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: You said chlorides and this
18 chart says TDS.

19 Do you mean TDS or chlorides?

20 MS. SCHNEIDER: I mean TDS.

21 DR. DENTON: What our concern is, as it is shown here,
22 here is a project that is taking on poor water quality,
23 storing it for a period of time, degrading it, and then
24 returning it to the Delta and creating a problem.

25 You need to have a --

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01 MS. SCHNEIDER: If you had to draw a line at the level
02 of TDS that is now the requirement under the Water Quality
03 Control Plan, wouldn't that line be at 250 milligrams per
04 liter TDS?

05 DR. DENTON: No objective. At the moment there is no
06 objective. There is a hundred chloride goal at Banks, but
07 it is not an objective or Water Quality Control Plan
08 objective.

09 MS. SCHNEIDER: You are suggesting that the
10 protections in the Water Quality Control Plan are not
11 adequate and you need to impose a no-change significance
12 criteria on Delta Wetlands' discharges?

13 DR. DENTON: We are saying any impact of the project
14 should be fully mitigated by not allowing the project to
15 come in and degrade water quality.

16 MS. SCHNEIDER: By fully mitigated, you are equating
17 that no impacts, no discharge?

18 DR. DENTON: If you mitigate impacts, you remove that
19 impact.

20 MR. BUCK: Or compensated in some expense with the
21 added treatment cost that might occur.

22 MS. SCHNEIDER: I am sorry, Mr. Buck?

23 MR. BUCK: Mitigation can also include compensation for
24 the added costs that would be borne or externalized by Delta
25 Wetlands to the water purveyors to the project.

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01 MS. SCHNEIDER: So, you are suggesting that mitigation
02 could be provided by compensation?

03 MR. BUCK: I am saying that is certainly a definition
04 of mitigation. What we have asked for is to be protected by
05 permit conditions that prevents the injury. Mitigation
06 could be in the form of compensation for the impacts. That
07 is not what we are asking for.

08 DR. WOLFE: Mitigation can also take the form of
09 treating the water prior to discharge. That would be
10 another form.

11 MR. BUCK: Which we have indicated in our petition that
12 the water could be treated to create no impacts.

13 MS. SCHNEIDER: Just as with the DOC discharge
14 limitation, isn't there a salinity discharge limitation that
15 would, again, let Delta Wetlands' water be dribbled out if
16 its satisfy levels were somewhat higher than channel
17 salinity levels?

18 DR. DENTON: Yes, there is. I think the reason for
19 that is that we have also had a concern, and we have
20 expressed it to Delta Wetlands in meetings with them, that
21 if our experts are correct and their experts are wrong, then
22 there will be a time when the water quality on the Delta
23 would be bad, bad enough that it shouldn't be discharged
24 into the Delta for export, or at times when it would cause
25 damage.

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01 But then you get into a situation where you would end
02 up with a reservoir full of water, and you could never do
03 anything about it. So, you have to have some way of
04 removing that water in a very low impact way so that Delta
05 Wetlands could continue operations by refilling.

06 MS. SCHNEIDER: But by "bad enough," you have defined
07 bad enough when discharge water quality is any worse at all
08 than channel water quality?

09 DR. DENTON: I think the time that would trigger a
10 discharge from the island is when the ambient TDS, or the
11 TDS on the island, was above 440 or TOC was above 10. In
12 other words, that there was, in fact, water would be taken
13 on to a TOC of four. It would degrade up to a TOC of 10, at
14 which stage there would be a problem, and that water should
15 be discharged slowly back into the Delta.

16 MS. SCHNEIDER: I might have to inquire about that term
17 because it looks like Delta Wetlands would not be able to

18 discharge if its discharges were above ambient water
19 quality, not that they wouldn't be Delta discharged unless
20 they are up to 10.

21 DR. DENTON: The trigger for bleeding water back into
22 the Delta would be when?

23 MS. SCHNEIDER: One thing about this figure is that it
24 shows there are some times improved water quality.

25 DR. DENTON: Actually, Dr. List, just before we
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01 submitted our testimony, was too late to change it, but
02 actually sent us some more data. These data, there was
03 another, slightly different error in the way he created
04 those data. It was before the correction that he made in
05 terms of the export file error.

06 I have actually got a new plot of that which I will
07 submit later on in rebuttal. But the new data, when
08 plotted, actually show there is only one data point slightly
09 below the one-to-one line. All the other data points are
10 well above the line.

11 MS. SCHNEIDER: Thank you for the preview, Dr. Denton.

12 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Does that conclude your
13 cross-examination?

14 MR. NELSON: No. I have some questions for Mr. Nuzum.

15 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Let me ask a question while
16 you are getting ready.

17 Who else is going to cross-examine this panel? Can you
18 raise your hand?

19 You expect your cross-examination to be lengthy, Ms.
20 Murray?

21 MS. MURRAY: I plan to take 20 minutes allotted.

22 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Just the 20 minutes.

23 Mr. Maddow?

24 MR. MADDOW: Just about, between 15 and 20 minutes.

25 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Mr. Moss?

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01 MR. MOSS: Very short.

02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Who else?

03 Mr. Jackson?

04 MR. JACKSON: Under 20.

05 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: The reason I ask is that we
06 have some people in the room who are waiting to be called
07 for their direct, I think, and if it appears we were not
08 going to get to their direct, they might be able to go back
09 to work if they wish.

10 Some people from the Department of Water Resources
11 asked if we were going to get to them today. I would say
12 right now it doesn't look like we will. They can take that
13 information and do what they like.

14 Okay Mr. Nelson.

15 MR. NELSON: Mr. Nuzum, your testimony with respect to
16 fishery resource impacts was based on the Draft EIR/EIS
17 assessment; is that correct?

18 MR. NUZUM: That is correct.

19 MR. NELSON: While you referred to the DEIR/EIS, in
20 your testimony you did not reference specifically the Final
21 Operations Criteria that have been developed in cooperation
22 with Fish and Wildlife Service and NMFS and Delta Wetlands.

23 Did you review the Final Operations Criteria in
24 preparing your written testimony?
25 MR. NUZUM: I did.

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01 MR. NELSON: Was it is your understanding when
02 reviewing that Final Operations Criteria that Delta Wetlands
03 was subject to the restrictions of the Water Quality Control
04 Plan in the Accord?

05 MR. NUZUM: I don't know the answer to that.

06 MR. NELSON: Patty, would put up the Final Operations
07 Criteria. This is Table 1 from DW Exhibit 7, David Forkel's
08 testimony, which shows a graph of the Final Operations
09 Criteria.

10 Isn't it true that that graph, and take it for a fact
11 that also Fish and Wildlife Service opinion specifically
12 states that Delta Wetlands is subject to the Water Quality
13 Control Plan criteria export limits, export inflow ratio
14 limits, X2 limitations?

15 MR. NUZUM: Yes.

16 MR. NELSON: In addition to that, looking at the Final
17 Operations Criteria, the gold color box in the middle, isn't
18 it true that outside of the Water Quality Control Plan, that
19 Delta Wetlands has initial protections that go beyond those
20 required of other projects in the Delta?

21 MR. NUZUM: Yes, I think that is fair to say that.

22 MR. NELSON: So to that extent, Delta Wetlands has
23 restrictions and project operations will be more protected
24 than in the Water Quality Control Plan; isn't that correct?

25 MR. NUZUM: I think that is fair to say that.

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01 MR. NELSON: In your testimony you raise the concern
02 regarding project effects on outmigrating juvenile
03 salmonid. Would you agree that the channels adjacent to
04 Webb Tract and Bouldin Island are the main migration
05 corridors for those salmon for the east side tributaries?

06 MR. NUZUM: I think that is true unless they are
07 entrained to Middle River and Old River and end up in the
08 South Delta. Yes, it would Bouldin and Webb Tract.

09 MR. NELSON: Would the majority of salmon presently
10 use the channel around Webb Tract and Bouldin Island?

11 MR. NUZUM: Yes.

12 MR. NELSON: Isn't it that the Final Operations
13 Criteria state that Delta Wetlands may not discharge from
14 Webb Tract from January through June?

15 MR. NUZUM: Yes, that is true.

16 MR. NELSON: So, to the extent that that prohibition
17 applies the salmon juveniles, outmigrating salmonids would
18 not be affected by any discharges by Webb Tract since they
19 are not allowed from January through June; isn't that
20 correct?

21 MR. NUZUM: That is true.

22 MR. NELSON: Also, with respect to juvenile smolt
23 outmigration, you stated that the peak outmigration period
24 is April and May; is that correct?

25 MR. NUZUM: For smolts, that is true.

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01 MR. NELSON: For juvenile smolts.

02 And isn't it true that the Final Operations Criteria
03 also prohibit diversions onto Delta Wetlands' reservoirs
04 islands in April and May?

05 MR. NUZUM: That is true.

06 MR. NELSON: Again, there would be protections for
07 that peak outmigration period for juvenile smolts; isn't
08 that correct?

09 MR. NUZUM: For the peak, that is correct.

10 MR. NELSON: Those protections aren't offered with
11 other projects with respect to the fact that they only have
12 to comply the Water Quality Control Plan; isn't that
13 correct?

14 MR. NUZUM: Yes. I think you are correct.

15 MR. NELSON: The next thing, you also expressed a
16 concern about June and July diversions for Delta Wetlands.

17 Can you please put up Figure 2A from the Exhibit DW-4,
18 which is an exhibit prepared by -- this document was
19 prepared by Jones & Stokes Associates at the request of the
20 Army Corps of Engineers looking at the Final Operations
21 Criteria.

22 Looking at June and July, there up on the chart, you'll
23 see upper in the right-hand corner going down. Actually,
24 Patty, can you move it up so we see the totals at the
25 bottom?

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01 Counting over, you will see 30 and 33. Those are two
02 columns for June and July. Isn't it correct that, based on
03 that table, the average diversions in June and July are only
04 going to be 30 and 33 cfs?

05 MR. NUZUM: According to that table, that's correct.

06 MR. NELSON: Isn't it also true, looking at that table
07 in June, out of 70 years, only 8 Junes that Delta Wetlands
08 would divert at all?

09 MR. NUZUM: I can't see the top right now, but I can
10 see six of them, so I would assume you are correct.

11 MR. NELSON: Is it your understanding right now the
12 Delta Wetlands Project divert for their agricultural
13 activities in June and July?

14 MR. NUZUM: They divert to storage?

15 MR. NELSON: They divert agricultural activities right
16 now onto their islands in June and July.

17 MR. NUZUM: Currently?

18 MR. NELSON: Currently.

19 MR. NUZUM: Yes.

20 MR. NELSON: So, to the extent that Delta Wetlands is
21 diverting 70 years, every year for 70 years for agricultural
22 activities in June, versus eight, only eight times in 70
23 years under the Final Operations Criteria for it reservoir
24 operations, there is a protection afforded to east side
25 tributary salmon, is there not?

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01 MR. NUZUM: I have to take a look at the quantities,
02 but you could be correct, and you may not be correct.

03 MR. NELSON: Depending on the quantities of the
04 agricultural diversion versus the diversions that would be
05 derived from the Delta Wetlands?

06 MR. NUZUM: For example, there was testimony -- I

07 believe that there was something like 90 facilities to
08 divert to the project islands, including all four of them.
09 That is correct, I don't know the sizes or locations of
10 those, I think you need to compare sizes, locations, times
11 of operation, compared to what you are proposing.

12 MR. NELSON: You also mentioned -- finally, you
13 mentioned a September 1st through December 31st period for
14 protection, at that time, of upstream migrating chinook
15 salmon. Isn't it true that the Delta Wetlands also has
16 final operations --

17 Can you put the Final Operations Criteria back up
18 again?

19 Isn't it true that Delta Wetlands also has restrictions
20 placed upon it during that September 1st through December
21 31st period with respect to its diversions?

22 MR. NUZUM: There are limitations, yes.

23 MR. NELSON: Included in those limitations, isn't it
24 true, that Delta Wetlands can't even divert until after X2
25 is past Chipps Island?

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01 MR. NUZUM: That is what the Final Operations Plan
02 calls for, yes.

03 MR. NELSON: Once again, aren't these restrictions more
04 restrictive than the Water Quality Control Plan?

05 MR. NUZUM: Yes, they are.

06 MR. NELSON: Let's talk a little bit about other
07 potential diversions in the Delta now.

08 Do you believe that any additional diversions or
09 exports in the Delta will have an impact on the salmonids
10 migrating through the Delta?

11 MR. NUZUM: I think that they can have, yes.

12 MR. NELSON: Do you believe that there should be no
13 additional diversions or exports through the Delta?

14 MR. NUZUM: I believe that is true if you are talking
15 about diverting or exporting without mitigating what that
16 diversion or export is going to be, yes.

17 MR. NELSON: Would you consider mitigation being such
18 things as modifying physical facilities and reducing the
19 rates of operation?

20 MR. NUZUM: I think those would be the things that
21 would be considered, yes.

22 MR. NELSON: In your opinion, would you apply the --
23 excuse me. I just asked you that question.

24 Let's move on to olfactory queues. You have mentioned,
25 in fact, you have a concern about fall-run chinook salmon

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01 having enough olfactory queues to determine their native
02 streams.

03 Isn't it true that adult salmon are very sensitive to
04 relatively small amounts of native stream flows, olfactory
05 queues?

06 MR. NUZUM: That's true.

07 MR. NELSON: Have you identified what percentage of
08 change Delta Wetlands will have on the east side tributary
09 flows?

10 MR. NUZUM: I have not.

11 MR. NELSON: Patty, will you please put up Figure

12 3B-1?

13 Looking at this, and I apologize for not having a
14 pointer here, but looking at the Figure 3B-1, which is from
15 the Draft EIR/EIS, you will see a 60,000 figure right above
16 Twitchell Island.

17 MR. NUZUM: Yes.

18 MR. NELSON: That is the tidal flow or average tidal
19 flow for that confluence, and isn't that confluence where
20 the Mokelumne River and Lower San Joaquin River merge?

21 MR. NUZUM: Yes, it is.

22 MR. NELSON: So there is an average 60,000 cfs tidal
23 flow at that point?

24 MR. NUZUM: That's correct.

25 MR. NELSON: Is it your -- do you have any knowledge as
1212 01 to what the net flow, for example, for the Mokelumne River
02 is in October, November?

03 MR. NUZUM: It could be 325 cubic feet per second, or,
04 if there is additional flood releases, it could be up to
05 5,000 in a controlled manner.

06 MR. NELSON: Are you also familiar with the flows that
07 come through the DCC and Georgiana Slough that mix with the
08 Mokelumne River before it gets to that confluence?

09 MR. NUZUM: Yes.

10 MR. NELSON: Are you aware of how much flows run
11 through the DCC, for example, and mixing with the Mokelumne
12 River water there?

13 MR. NUZUM: They can be quite high, yes.

14 MR. NELSON: Does 5,000 sound about right?

15 MR. NUZUM: I think that is a good number.

16 MR. NELSON: Given the fact you have approximately
17 60,000 cfs tidal flow, a 5,000 cfs flow through the DCC and
18 Georgiana Slough mixing with the Mokelumne River water, and
19 you only have a 350 cfs Mokelumne River flow, are you
20 talking about a very extreme amount of olfactory queues that
21 salmon aren't able to detect; isn't that true?

22 MR. NUZUM: That's true.

23 MR. NELSON: When you were looking at the Draft EIR,
24 did you review and read the discussion on the Cross Delta
25 flow parameter that Mr. Shaul utilized in his analysis?

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01 MR. NUZUM: Yes.

02 MR. NELSON: Yes?

03 MR. NUZUM: Yes.

04 MR. NELSON: Do you understand that that Cross Delta
05 flow parameter acts or measures, was sometimes referred to
06 as the Mokelumne box, which shows the Mokelumne flows coming
07 down and entrainment into the Central Delta?

08 MR. NUZUM: Yes.

09 MR. NELSON: Are you aware that Mr. Shaul's cross
10 Delta flow parameter data for September through December
11 shows an average change from the Delta Wetlands' operations
12 on that Mokelumne River box of between 1.6 and 2 percent
13 over a seven-year period?

14 MR. NUZUM: Yes, I know it was quite low.

15 MR. NELSON: Thank you.

16 Let me turn to predation.

17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Before you take this graph
18 down, I have a question.
19 You said that -- the question was: Is this the
20 average tidal flow on Twitchell Island, 60,000? I think the
21 answer was yes. But if that is average, you can't have a
22 60,000 average coming in. Is that the average of the
23 maximum inflows?
24 MR. NELSON: I am sorry, say that again.
25 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I believe your question
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01 was: Is that the average tidal flow, at that point was
02 60,000?
03 MR. NELSON: I believe this actually identifies it.
04 It's the average flood tide flows.
05 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Flood tide. I thought
06 that's what it had to be, but I didn't hear that.
07 MR. NELSON: I'm sorry.
08 If I can turn a little bit to predation.
09 You testified regarding a concern for predation of
10 fries; is that correct?
11 MR. NUZUM: That's correct.
12 MR. NELSON: Isn't it true that predation is less when
13 there is high turbidity and colder temperatures?
14 MR. NUZUM: That is true.
15 MR. NELSON: Isn't it also true that fry typically
16 occur in the Delta only after there have been high flow
17 events to move them out of tributaries?
18 MR. NUZUM: That is what usually triggers their
19 movement.
20 MR. NELSON: Isn't it also true that the high flow
21 events in the Delta are characterized by high turbidity as
22 well?
23 MR. NUZUM: Yes.
24 MR. NELSON: Isn't it true that the water temperatures
25 in November through March are relatively low?
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01 MR. NUZUM: They are very low, yes.
02 MR. NELSON: Let's move to temperature.
03 In your testimony you referred to concern regarding
04 temperature related effects on eggs carried by adult
05 migrating salmon.
06 Isn't it true that there is a difference between adult
07 female exposure to transient temperatures versus fertilized
08 egg exposures to higher temperatures at spawning and during
09 egg incubation?
10 MR. NUZUM: Absolutely.
11 MR. NELSON: Isn't it true that most studies that have
12 been conducted so far have only identified the temperature
13 effects for spawning on the fertilized eggs and have not
14 been able to differentiate the transient exposure for adult
15 -- for the eggs while they are in the upstream migrating
16 season?
17 MR. NUZUM: That is true. That is why I characterized
18 the testimony that I gave as a concern. It depends on, I
19 believe, the temperatures, the condition of the female,
20 meaning how ripe she is, and what the delay factor, the
21 length of the delay factor.

22 MR. NELSON: Isn't it true that, generally speaking,
23 that there, at in the beginning of the upstream migration,
24 the eggs are developed to the point where they become
25 quiescent and no further development occurs until after
1216 spawning and fertilization?
01 MR. NUZUM: Sounds like you have been there.
02 I think that is the scientific guess, yes.
03 MR. NELSON: So, to the extent that we are referring to
04 the upstream migration, then referring to quiescent eggs,
05 that there is no greater development or change that are
06 going during the upstream migration to the eggs?
07 MR. NUZUM: To the eggs themselves within the female's
08 body cavity, I think that is correct.
09 MR. NELSON: Isn't it true that the studies have
10 identified the problems with temperature effects to the --
11 at spawning and during incubation, their effects on the rate
12 of cell division?
13 MR. NUZUM: Yes. That would definitely be one of the
14 major effects.
15 MR. NELSON: Cell division does not occur during the
16 upstream migration period, does it not?
17 MR. NUZUM: Only after fertilization.
18 MR. NELSON: Is it your understanding that -- isn't it
19 true that there is no spawning that would occur around the
20 Delta Wetlands' islands?
21 MR. NUZUM: I don't believe there would be any spawning
22 around the Delta islands, no.
23 MR. NELSON: Just last couple of questions with respect
24 to screening.
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01 Isn't it true that on unscreened diversions represent a
02 significant threat to fry and juvenile salmonids?
03 MR. NUZUM: That is the belief, yes.
04 MR. NELSON: Are you aware that the Delta Wetlands
05 will eliminate many two-inch screened diversions on its four
06 islands?
07 MR. NUZUM: You verified the 90 number. Yes.
08 MR. NELSON: Are you further aware that Delta Wetlands
09 will have its diversions made through fish screens that
10 operate to approach velocity of no less than 0.2 feet per
11 second?
12 MR. NUZUM: Yes.
13 MR. NELSON: Isn't it true that that approach velocity
14 of 0.2 feet per second is more protective than the present
15 DF&G 0.33 feet per second screening for salmonids?
16 MR. NUZUM: It is.
17 MR. NELSON: I have no more questions.
18 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Does that conclude the
19 Delta Wetlands cross-examination?
20 MS. BRENNER: Yes, it does.
21 Thank you very much for your indulgence.
22 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Mr. Roberts.
23 MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Wolfe has to leave. Dr. Wolf has to
24 leave by about 3:00 today. So if there is anyone that has
25 questions specifically for him, perhaps you can front load
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01 them.

02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Are there any people who
03 are going to cross-examine this panel who have questions for
04 Mr. Wolfe?

05 Mr. Maddow. Just have to go ahead of Pacific Gas &
06 Electric.

07 Is that all right with you, Mr. Moss?

08 All right. Mr. Maddow.

09 MR. MADDOW: This is not limited to my questions of Dr.
10 Wolfe, however?

11 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: You might as well do your
12 full 20 minutes.

13 MR. MADDOW: I don't think it will take much more than
14 that.

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16 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
17 BY CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT
18 BY MR. MADDOW

19 MR. MADDOW: I would like to begin with Mr. Buck.

20 I am Robert Maddow appearing for the Contra Costa
21 Water District.

22 Mr. Buck, is it your understanding that M&I entities
23 are expected to be potential purchasers of water stored by
24 Delta Wetlands?

25 MR. BUCK: Yes. Given the quoted price of 2 to \$300 an
1219 acre-foot, that is the only market who can afford it.

02 MR. MADDOW: As I understood your testimony and your
03 qualifications, you represent an organization that consists
04 of the 12 largest urban water suppliers in California; is
05 that correct?

06 MR. BUCK: That's correct.

07 MR. MADDOW: You're the Executive Officer of that
08 organization. I take it it has a Board of Directors?

09 MR. BUCK: Yes, it does.

10 MR. MADDOW: Has the Board of Directors taken a
11 position in regard to the project that is before this Board?

12 MR. BUCK: Yes, they have.

13 MR. MADDOW: What is that position?

14 MR. BUCK: They authorized the Water Quality Committee
15 and the testimony group to oppose the project based on water
16 quality impacts, primarily.

17 MR. MADDOW: Who are those member agencies? Could you
18 just identify the members of your organization?

19 MR. BUCK: Alameda County Water District, Contra Costa
20 Water District, East Bay Municipal Water District, City and
21 County of San Francisco, City of Sacramento, Central and
22 West Basin Municipal Water Districts. That is in the South
23 Bay/Torrance area of Southern California. City of San
24 Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, Metropolitan Water
25 District of Southern California, Municipal Water Districts
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01 of Orange County, and Los Angeles Department of Water and
02 Power.

03 MR. MADDOW: Mr. Buck, is it the position -- Strike
04 that.

05 Can the Delta Wetlands Project, in your estimation,

06 deliver the quantity and quality of water that your
07 organization's member agencies need?

08 MR. BUCK: Neither total quantity, and certainly we
09 have concerns with the quality. Again, the way we look at
10 this, given the operational constraints and the water
11 quality constraints, this project would basically compete
12 with the spot market water transfer water. And when you
13 look at what the spot market is in a drought, we learned in
14 the 1991 water bank we had a market clearing price of about
15 150, \$200 an acre-foot. Meaning when the price got to a
16 level, there was plenty of water.

17 So, in our estimation, given this would compete with
18 that spot market, there would be better quality water
19 available at that time at a lower price. So, I can't see
20 any of the CUWA member agencies or their sub members being
21 interested in this water.

22 MR. MADDOW: In terms of the terms and conditions which
23 you have recommended in your testimony and which you
24 discussed with Ms. Schneider a few moments ago, I heard
25 discussion of de minimis and zero discharge and that sort of
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01 thing. And it occurred to me, what I believe I was hearing
02 was a suggestion that the Board should adopt, in effect, an
03 antidegradation term as a part of any permit that it might
04 adopt here.

05 Is that a fair characterization of what you said?

06 MR. BUCK: Yes, it is. We are interested in not being
07 impacted by the project and having the public have to pay
08 for those impacts. So, it should be borne by the
09 applicant.

10 MR. MADDOW: I want to ask Dr. Wolfe a question before
11 he gets away.

12 Dr. Wolfe, when you introduced yourself to the Board
13 this morning, I understand you to say that you chair the
14 Water Quality Committee of CUWA; is that correct?

15 DR. WOLFE: That's correct.

16 MR. MADDOW: You have heard the testimony over the
17 last, or much of the testimony as I understand it, over the
18 last couple of weeks about details of the water quality case
19 that has been put on by Delta Wetlands and the evidence of
20 the CUWA witnesses. Is that correct?

21 DR. WOLFE: That's correct.

22 MR. MADDOW: Dr. Wolfe, I want you to pull back from
23 the details of what you've heard over the last couple of
24 weeks, what I call the dueling experts, if you will, and I
25 would like you to tell us in your capacity as the chair of
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01 the water quality function of this statewide organization
02 that is concerned about water quality, from the perspective
03 of the twelve largest urban water suppliers in the state,
04 what's your opinion as to the net water quality impact of
05 the proposed Delta Wetlands Project on CUWA member agencies
06 which divert water from the Delta.

07 DR. WOLFE: I think that it has been clearly shown that
08 the impact is negative and it will effect the water agencies
09 and the ratepayers and the public health quality of the
10 water. This project would knowingly, willingly, and

11 intentionally increase the level of total organic carbon in
12 the water.

13 Why that is important? Total organic carbon is a
14 surrogate for cancer causing chemicals when you disinfect
15 it. So we would be opposed to any project which would
16 intentionally increase the level of cancer causing
17 chemicals in the water without adequate mitigation.

18 The purpose of a water utility is to provide water that
19 is both microbiologically and chemically safe to drink, and
20 to provide it at a reasonable cost. We are the stewards of
21 public health. It's the water utility objective really to
22 be the last line of defense in providing wholesome water
23 quality to the consumers.

24 We have learned time and time again, and recently, that
25 treatment alone is not the answer. So treating the water to
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01 remove constituents, as regulations become more and more
02 stringent, is no longer the option, as was learned in Los
03 Vegas with cryptosporidium outbreak where they had state of
04 the art water treatment. Source protection is absolutely
05 critical to meet the future regulations.

06 And here is a perfect example of where source
07 protection would protect and provide a higher water
08 quality. That is one of the new initiatives by EPA in
09 their Safe Drinking Water Act reauthorization. That is to
10 protect drinking water at its source.

11 MR. MADDOW: Dr. Wolfe, were you here this morning when
12 Mr. Krasner talked about the proposed disinfectant
13 disinfection by-product results?

14 DR. WOLFE: Yes, I was.

15 MR. MADDOW: I would like you to talk for a moment from
16 the standpoint of your position as an executive with the
17 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Can you
18 describe Metropolitan's current treatment strategy for
19 coping with those proposed new rules?

20 DR. WOLFE: We propose to go to ozone as our treatment
21 solution for meeting the state's two regulations. However,
22 with this project, it could push the total organic carbon
23 level above four. And the importance of that is it would
24 require us to implement another treatment process layered on
25 top of ozone. So the net effect could be that we have two
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01 additional new treatment processes instead of one. And, as
02 Mr. Krasner pointed out, the costs for enhanced coagulation
03 are fairly high, and that cost would be borne by the
04 consumers, by the rate payers, with resultant degradation of
05 water quality that they would bear, bear the risk.

06 MR. MADDOW: Thank you, Dr. Wolfe.

07 If there are others who wish to cross-examine Dr.
08 Wolfe, that is my last question of him and if someone else
09 wanted to ask him questions --

10 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Thank you. It's very
11 kind.

12 Mr. Sutton.

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14 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
15 BY STAFF

16 MR. SUTTON: Dr. Wolfe, I am confused on this whole
17 thing about addition of total organic carbon in the system.
18 Let me walk you through a scenario and explain to me how it
19 increases the loading on export.

20 Let's say Delta Wetlands is diverting water of, say, 3
21 milligrams TOC in December, January. Okay?

22 DR. WOLFE: Onto the island?

23 MR. SUTTON: Onto the island. It meets your criteria
24 there. They would not be -- would they be diverting water
25 that would be of better quality than would be at Banks?

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01 DR. WOLFE: I am not sure I follow the question.

02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: At the same time?

03 MR. SUTTON: Assuming that they are diverting out of
04 the Delta, let's take for example Bacon Island. They are
05 diverting out of Old and Middle River. They are diverting
06 water that part of that stream goes onto the island and part
07 of it goes down to Banks. So, presumably, the water quality
08 they are diverting is essentially the same as the water
09 quality at Banks; is that correct?

10 DR. WOLFE: I see your point.

11 MR. SUTTON: Would that be correct?

12 DR. WOLFE: In one scenario that would be correct.
13 That is correct at that time.

14 MR. SUTTON: Now, they would be diverting water that,
15 since they are a junior water right appropriator, they would
16 be diverting water only when the State Water Project, let's
17 for simplicity here limit it to the State Water Project as
18 the other senior diverter, would not be taking. If the
19 system was in balance, for example, State Water Project
20 would be taking all the water that it could and Delta
21 Wetlands would not be diverting.

22 So, they are diverting surplus water by definition; is
23 that correct?

24 DR. WOLFE: I don't know.

25 DR. DENTON: Yes, that is part of the Biological

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01 Opinions of the Operations Criteria.

02 MR. SUTTON: Now, so the water that is going on the
03 island is essentially the same water that the State Water
04 Project is taking, in terms of quality. But it is a
05 quantity of water which they, for whatever reason,
06 presumably limited capacity or limited storage, cannot
07 take. Correct?

08 MR. BUCK: Or limited demand at that time.

09 MR. SUTTON: Or limited demand. For whatever reason,
10 they are not taking it.

11 Now let's shift to August. Assuming that there is some
12 degradation of the water quality, let's say in terms of TOC,
13 on the island. Let's say we start out at three. Let's say
14 it goes to eight. The requirement that you have or that you
15 are proposing, that Mr. Buck proposed in his testimony, says
16 that Delta Wetlands cannot release water that is worse than
17 the ambient water quality.

18 Is that correct?

19 DR. WOLFE: I think that is correct.

20 MR. SUTTON: So let's say that the ambient water

21 quality is eight. Delta Wetlands' water is eight. You are
22 concerned about an additional increment of total organic
23 carbon.

24 Where is that additional increment if the water is the
25 same TOC as the water that is going to the pumps already?
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01 DR. WOLFE: I don't think there is.

02 MR. BUCK: Under that condition, there wouldn't be any
03 increase. That is what we are trying to make; we don't want
04 an increase of over ambient.

05 DR. WOLFE: Typically, the ambient is not eight,
06 though.

07 MR. SUTTON: You said that CUWA is concerned about an
08 increase in TOC.

09 DR. WOLFE: That's right.

10 MR. SUTTON: As long as the release water cannot be
11 higher than TOC and ambient, how can you ever get an
12 increase in TOC and a cost that gets passed on to your rate
13 payers?

14 DR. WOLFE: Well, if you're discharging and your TOC is
15 eight and the ambient water quality is three, are you not
16 increasing the TOC?

17 MR. SUTTON: If the requirement here says that it
18 doesn't, it can't be above ambient --

19 DR. WOLFE: Absent that requirement, that is true.
20 That would provide protection; that is correct.

21 MR. SUTTON: So your concern about TOC increases is
22 only if Delta Wetlands is allowed to release water that is
23 greater than ambient receiving water?

24 DR. WOLFE: That is correct.

25 MR. SUTTON: Other than that, there is no net increase
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01 in TOC?

02 DR. WOLFE: That is correct, the net increase.

03 MR. SUTTON: Thank you.

04 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Anyone else have questions
05 for Mr. Wolfe?

06 Seeing none, then. Mr. Roberts.

07 You're finished with Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Maddow?

08 MR. MADDOW: Yes, I am.

09 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: He may be excused.

10 Mr. Maddow.

11 MR. MADDOW: I have a couple questions for Dr. Shum.

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13 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION
14 OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
15 BY CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT
16 BY MR. MADDOW

17 MR. MADDOW: I want to refer back to the previous
18 discussions of CUWA's Exhibit 7A and 7B. For this
19 discussion I don't think there is any need to put them
20 up. I just want to make sure that I recall the discussion
21 that I've got.

22 In the first place, Dr. Shum, is it true that the
23 Fischer Delta Model uses area-wide averages of salinity?

24 DR. SHUM: That is correct.

25 MR. MADDOW: Is it true that the claimed -- it was your

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01 testimony that the claimed water quality benefits related to
02 the proposed Delta Wetlands Project may have been
03 exaggerated by reliance upon the Fischer Delta Model for
04 purpose, as opposed to looking at the salinity of specific
05 Delta islands? Is that correct?

06 DR. SHUM: That is correct.

07 MR. MADDOW: I want to talk a little more about
08 salinity. Again, this focuses back on your direct and
09 cross-examination earlier today.

10 In determining impacts to M&I water users, the focus,
11 the important factor is salinity, salt concentration; is
12 that correct?

13 DR. SHUM: That is important aspect.

14 MR. MADDOW: If we are in a situation in which the
15 salinity is relatively low, we have very large flows, the
16 mass loading of salt could be quite large; isn't that
17 correct?

18 DR. SHUM: Yes, despite a low salinity.

19 MR. MADDOW: Now, so in a situation where flows are
20 very large, but the salinity is low, the mass loading can be
21 large, but nonetheless it might not raise salt concentration
22 if the receiving water is at a higher salinity; is that
23 correct?

24 DR. SHUM: That's correct.

25 MR. MADDOW: So, we are talking about water that is

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01 being discharged to Bacon island. Whatever the flow off
02 Bacon Island is, if the concentration of salt is exaggerated
03 or is overestimated, then does that result in an
04 overestimation of the benefits to Delta water quality?

05 DR. SHUM: Salt flow would be saturated and, therefore,
06 is limited, and would be exaggerated.

07 MR. MADDOW: Regardless of the flow rate?

08 DR. SHUM: Yes, that is correct.

09 MR. MADDOW: So it is a question of whether we are
10 going to keep the same level of degraded water or increase
11 the level of degradation -- Strike that. I am sorry.

12 And, finally, in regard, again, to the Fisher Delta
13 Model and agricultural drainage, would it be fair to say
14 that the Fisher Delta Model does not do a particularly
15 precise job in regard to assumptions concerning agricultural
16 drainage?

17 DR. SHUM: I think we need to put into proper context.
18 Because of the present knowledge, all models are required to
19 make assumptions. The Fisher Delta Model is designed to
20 look at primarily seawater intrusion and also in project
21 operation, and, so, the agricultural drainage is simulated
22 in a model in a way, in my opinion, sufficient for this
23 purposes. But not sufficient if we are talking about the
24 specific simulations of ag drainage from one particular
25 island.

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01 For example, the Fischer Delta Model simulates the ag
02 drainage by dividing the Delta into three areas. I can put
03 up a slide, which was not originally prepared for this
04 purpose. All we need to look at are the --

05 MR. MADDOW: Excuse me, Dr. Shum. Can you identify --
06 this is not a part of CUWA's testimony?

07 DR. SHUM: This has not been introduced before. This
08 is just an illustration of how the Fisher Delta Model does
09 to simulate agricultural drainage.

10 MS. LEIDIGH: Could you identify where this is from and
11 what it is?

12 DR. SHUM: This is -- the map itself is from a
13 municipal water quality investigation report. All I am
14 referring is a map of the Delta and the three lines that I
15 drew.

16 MR. MADDOW: You drew the lines across the face of that
17 map?

18 DR. SHUM: Those three lines. That divides the Delta
19 into three parts. For each part an average over the entire
20 area, the salinity value of the ag drainage was used for all
21 those islands.

22 For example, Bacon Island belongs to the lower
23 right-hand corner. And the salinity used for the entire
24 region was averaged over all the islands. We note that most
25 of those islands would be taking water from San Joaquin

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01 River, which has usually a higher salinity than, say for
02 example, in the northern part. And if you apply irrigation
03 water of a high salinity, you will get a drainage of a high
04 salinity. So for that part of the Delta, in general, we
05 have a pretty high salinity in the ag drainage.

06 Bacon Island, on the other hand, even though it belongs
07 to that general area, would be taking water from Middle
08 River and Old River, and at times would have quite a low
09 salinity. As a consequence, the salinity of the drainage
10 may be lower. That is why, even though the Fischer Delta
11 Model adequately simulating seawater intrusion, when we are
12 getting up to simulating ag drainage from specific islands
13 in the Delta, they may not be -- the assumptions may not be
14 adequate.

15 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Let's pause here a moment.
16 What were we going to do about this exhibit?

17 MS. LEIDIGH: I think somebody needs to identify this
18 as their exhibit and give it a number, either CUWA or Contra
19 Costa.

20 MR. ROBERTS: We'd be glad to offer it as CUWA-7D, I
21 believe.

22 MS. LEIDIGH: 7B?

23 MR. ROBERTS: Let's call it CUWA-12.

24 MS. LEIDIGH: Do you have copies for the parties?

25 MR. ROBERTS: We can have copies for everybody.

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01 MR. SUTTON: With regard to that as Number 12, are you
02 -- the Delta Island Drainage Investigation Report would be
03 11; is that correct? You were proposing to offer that
04 earlier.

05 MR. ROBERTS: I think Delta Wetlands was going to. I
06 could be mistaken on that.

07 MR. SUTTON: Delta Wetlands was going to submit -- you
08 haven't offered the other one yet; so this will be 12. You
09 will offer the other later.

10 Thank you.

11 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: We will rule on it later.

12 All right, Mr. Maddow.

13 MR. MADDOW: I have just two more questions, and these
14 are for Dr. Denton. It's just in regard to one minor point
15 that came up during his cross-examination earlier.

16 You stated that -- excuse me, I beg your pardon.

17 In developing a cross-examination question to you, Dr.
18 Denton, I believe the attorney for Delta Wetlands stated
19 that certain work done by Dr. List was done at the request
20 of Contra Costa Water District. And I just wanted to make
21 the record clear at this point, when it is in response to
22 that cross-examination matter. Was that work done under
23 Contra Costa's direction or supervision?

24 DR. DENTON: No, it wasn't.

25 MR. MADDOW: Would you have -- are you familiar with
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01 the work that Dr. List did?

02 DR. DENTON: We received copies of his report and data
03 from his modeling studies.

04 MR. MADDOW: Can you tell us whether you, in your
05 capacity as one of the Contra Costa's water quality experts
06 would have done that work in the same way as Dr. List,
07 particularly with respect to agricultural diversions?

08 DR. DENTON: That is our major concern with it, is
09 just the way that the agricultural diversions ended up --
10 reduction in agricultural diversion ended up in outflow
11 rather than being reoperated within the Central Valley
12 system and ending up as additional exports or as water
13 stored in upstream reservoir.

14 MR. MADDOW: Mr. Stubchaer, that is all that I have.

15 Thank you.

16 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Mr. Moss, do you want to
17 take care of -- you want to take care of some carry over
18 business from your direct testimony the other day before we
19 cross-examine this panel? Now would be a good time for
20 that.

21 MR. MOSS: Thank you.

22 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I guess that is a yes.

23 MR. MOSS: Yes, sir. Richard Moss for Pacific Gas &
24 Electric.

25 Mr. Stubchaer, there were two matters dating from
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01 direct testimony last Tuesday. The first one was a question
02 to Mr. Clapp, relative to whether any substantial work in
03 the nature of pipe replacement has taken place on line, gas
04 transmission line 57B as a process of Bacon Island since it
05 was installed. And the answer to that is, no.

06 Maintenance has occurred, but Mr. Clapp informs me that
07 no section has been replaced or otherwise subject to that
08 level of maintenance. So I pass that along.

09 Secondly, you requested copies of PG&E's actual
10 documents for gas and electric facilities in the subject
11 islands. I just brought up with me two sets. I have a box
12 back there with a few more. So I want to tender these,
13 obviously, to Delta Wetlands a set. And, of course, I am
14 not sure how many the staff would like. I have another four

15 in the box, and I will be happy to give them to the staff,
16 if they like.

17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: How many do we need, do we
18 need for ourselves and not other parties?

19 MR. SUTTON: We have been getting 13.

20 MR. MOSS: I can order 13; it is not a question.

21 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: In addition to the --

22 MS. LEIDIGH: That is not in addition to the copies for
23 the other parties.

24 MR. MOSS: I would be happy to provide copies for any
25 party that would like a set. We will have them printed at
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01 once.

02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: How many parties
03 represented here want copies of these easements.

04 MR. MOSS: If you see me, I will happy to.

05 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: One in the back.

06 Did you wish to identify?

07 MR. MOSS: I would just as a group, as a whole,
08 identify those as PG&E 5.

09 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: PG&E 5.

10 MR. MOSS: Exhibit 5, yes.

11 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Is there any objection to
12 receiving PG&E 5 into the record? I can't imagine there
13 would be.

14 MS. BRENNER: No.

15 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Thank you Mr. Moss.

16 MR. MOSS: Thank you, sir.

17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Are you ready to proceed
18 with your cross?

19 MR. MOSS: Yes, I am. Again, Richard Moss for
20 PG&E.

21 I just have a couple of questions, I think, for Mr.
22 Buck.

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01 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES

02 BY PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC

03 BY MR. MOSS

04 MR. MOSS: In your mind, is there anything that Delta
05 Wetlands can do to the project in terms of reoperation or
06 physical change or something else, basically, that you can
07 think of that would basically satisfy your water quality
08 concerns?

09 MR. BUCK: I can't really offer an opinion on how they
10 might reoperate. What they're faced with is kind of just
11 the basic science that is going on with storing water on
12 open islands in the hot summer Sacramento Valley, San
13 Joaquin Valley sun. That is going to do certain things to
14 the water quality. Those are the things we are worried
15 about. And we can only offer that we want conditions and
16 monitoring put on that would prevent injury for us.

17 Aside from treating the water as it comes off the
18 islands, there is nothing that can be done because it's
19 pretty much driven by biology.

20 MR. MOSS: You mentioned that you would be potentially
21 open to considering monetary mitigation. In a ballpark
22 sense, have you quantified that?

23 MR. BUCK: Dr. Krasner, or Mr. Krasner gave indications
24 of some of the costs that we might incur. We haven't
25 entertained that we could be compensated for this. We want
1238 to prevent the injury. I was merely clarifying what the
01 term mitigation could mean. It could be beyond just
02 preventing impact to negating the impacts or compensating
03 the impact.

04 MR. MOSS: I understood that, for instance, as to
05 quantifying the cost of the additional treatment that would
06 be required. And while Mr. Krasner gave some acre-foot
07 numbers, I didn't have a sense of what the totality of that
08 would mean to CUWA members and the bottom line.

09 MR. BUCK: We haven't totaled it for CUWA's members.
10 One of the members, it was about \$300,000 a year for just
11 Contra Costa's impact alone from, I believe, the TOC. And
12 that is only one of the smaller members. That was on 20,000
13 acre-feet of water. Overall demand is about a million
14 five.

15 MR. KRASNER: This is Stuart Krasner.
16 That information was just on the impact. If you pushed
17 into a different removal requirement for total organic
18 carbon. But as I always indicated, an ozone plant as well,
19 you will have higher energy costs for providing additional
20 ozone to meet the demand of the additional organic carbon.
21 We haven't quantified it; we just gave some examples for
22 illustration today.

23 MR. BUCK: As Dr. Wolfe pointed out, we are at the
24 point where treatment alone is not an option. We have to
1239 have better source water quality so we can be reasonably
01 assured of meeting the future drinking water regulations.
02 So, we have to deal with both sides of the equation. We are
03 not looking for any projects that will continue to degrade
04 water quality.

05 MR. MOSS: Have CUWA attempted to reach a settlement of
06 their issues of concern with Delta Wetlands?

07 MR. BUCK: There have been discussions with Delta
08 Wetlands. They have never been in the context of a
09 settlement.

10 MR. MOSS: Could you tell us a little more, what were
11 the results of those discussions?

12 MR. BUCK: They were discussions around the technical
13 merits of what is going on with islands, what are the
14 operational issues. So, they were really only of a
15 technical nature of what is happening, what we see
16 happening, what they see happening.

17 MR. MOSS: Am I correct in saying that Delta Wetlands
18 has never made an offer to CUWA in the nature of
19 settlement?

20 MR. BUCK: Not to CUWA, per se. I am not aware of them
21 making any offer to any individual district or member of
22 CUWA.

23 MR. MOSS: That is all the questions I have.
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25 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Thank you, Mr. Moss.
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01 Mr. Etheridge, do you wish to cross-examine?
02 MR. ETHERIDGE: Yes, I have ten minutes. A few brief
03 questions for Mr. Nuzum.
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05 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
06 BY EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
07 BY MR. ETHERIDGE
08 MR. ETHERIDGE: While being questioned by Mr. Nelson on
09 the Delta Wetlands' impacts on juvenile salmon, I believe
10 you were asked if the Delta Wetlands' operations criteria
11 prohibited discharges from January through June; is that
12 correct?
13 MR. NUZUM: Yes. I think that was his question.
14 MR. ETHERIDGE: Isn't it your testimony in part that
15 the potential Delta Wetlands' impacts on salmon juveniles
16 are caused by Delta diversions to storage?
17 MR. NUZUM: Yes. I think that would be the major
18 impact period.
19 MR. ETHERIDGE: I believe you testified that some of
20 those impacts would be from entrainment caused by the Delta
21 Wetlands' diversions.
22 MR. NUZUM: That is what I testified to.
23 MR. ETHERIDGE: The fact that there are no Delta
24 Wetlands' diversion from January through June, would not
25 really address problems caused by Delta Wetlands'
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01 diversions; is that correct? In other words, talking apples
02 and oranges.
03 MR. NUZUM: It's apples and oranges.
04 MR. ETHERIDGE: I believe you were also questioned on
05 the issue of olfactory queues and salmon's ability to pick
06 up a relatively small amount of its home stream's water; is
07 that correct?
08 MR. NUZUM: That is correct.
09 MR. ETHERIDGE: Isn't it your testimony that one of
10 the problems from the proposed Delta Wetlands' operations is
11 that by diverting east side tributary water to storage and
12 later releasing it, essentially places that water in various
13 places throughout the Delta?
14 MR. NUZUM: Yes, that is the major impact. I could
15 characterize it as having two or three buckets. The fish
16 does know what bucket he is headed for; he just knows he is
17 headed for the olfactory queue. You confuse that when you
18 divert to the islands and store that water and later release
19 it, where's the fish suppose to run to? Go to Bacon
20 Island?
21 He is going to be confused by the cross-currents and
22 the way the Delta is operated right now.
23 MR. ETHERIDGE: In other words, you have olfactory
24 queues for a given river spread throughout various places in
25 the Delta?
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01 MR. NUZUM: That is the concern, yes.
02 MR. ETHERIDGE: One last question that has to do with
03 predation, predation of juvenile chinook salmon. You were

04 asked by Mr. Nelson at times when salmon fry may be in the
05 Delta, sometimes maybe in times of high flow turbidity; is
06 that correct?

07 MR. NUZUM: Yes, that is correct.

08 MR. ETHERIDGE: Is it your opinion that predation may
09 still occur during those times?

10 MR. NUZUM: Absolutely.

11 MR. ETHERIDGE: Thank you.

12 I have no further questions.

13 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Thank you.

14 Mr. Turner, you are with us today. Do you have any
15 cross-examination questions?

16 MR. TURNER: No, I have no cross-examination, Mr.

17 Stubchaer. I would just like to point out that it was

18 brought to my attention --

19 THE COURT REPORTER: Please come to the microphone.

20 MR. TURNER: Jim Turner from the Office of the Regional
21 Solicitor, representing the Bureau of Reclamation.

22 It was brought to my attention that when I had made my
23 opening statement we introduced the stipulation and the
24 testimony, in the written testimony by Bureau witness Lowell
25 Ploss, that I overlooked to refer to another exhibit that we

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01 had previously filed with you, which was Mr. Ploss's
02 qualifications statement. So I wanted to see if we can --
03 to go ahead and get the numbering of those exhibits
04 straightened out at this point before I forget. I would
05 suggest that we could identify Mr. Ploss's testimony as
06 Bureau 1, BOR-1, and his qualifications statement as BOR-2.

07 MR. SUTTON: The other way around.

08 MR. TURNER: Number 2 would be the stipulation?

09 MR. SUTTON: No. Qualifications, 1; testimony 2.

10 MR. TURNER: And stipulation, 3. If we can go ahead
11 and just renumber them that way, that way we would have
12 everything officially in the record.

13 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: All right. Then there was
14 a request, a late request, to cross-examine the Bureau on
15 the stipulated agreement from Mr. Schulz.

16 Is Mr. Schulz here?

17 MS. DIGNAN: I will get him.

18 (Discussion held off record.)

19 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Mr. Schulz, do you wish to
20 repeat your request now that you are up here?

21 MR. SCHULZ: What our request was, as the Bureau's
22 stipulation is introduced in their time slot, which is just
23 before the department and right after, I believe, East Bay
24 Mud, that they present a witness who can answer some
25 questions with respect to some of the factual matters that

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01 are laid out in the stipulation.

02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: If my memory serves me
03 correctly, they offered the first day when you weren't here,
04 and we accepted it. You want to reopen now at their normal
05 time?

06 MR. SCHULZ: Yes. I had not seen the stip at that
07 time. I had a chance to review it the following day and
08 found out that there were certain questions that I thought

09 were relevant to the hearing regarding what their position
10 is with respect to -- there is a statement in their
11 stipulation that says they will make a statement with
12 respect to the -- I don't have it in front of me. The Delta
13 Wetlands Project has certain benefits blah, blah, blah,
14 which is very factual statement rather than a stipulation on
15 eliminating a protest.

16 The other thing is there are some implications in there
17 with respect to the capacity of the DMC to wheel water,
18 which I thought needed to be clarified. Quite frankly, it
19 is my view that the Bureau doesn't have capacity to wheel.
20 What we are really talking about is a wheeling agreement, a
21 wheeling situation that applies to the State Project
22 facilities only.

23 I wanted to get that clarification on the record. I
24 felt that the Bureau was the best ones to answer the
25 questions about wheeling capacity within the DMC.

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01 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Mr. Turner.

02 MR. TURNER: Mr. Schulz and I talked about this
03 yesterday, and I told him that I would go ahead and arrange
04 to have Mr. Ploss available. That is one of the reasons I
05 am here today, is to try to get an idea of precisely which
06 day we would be appearing so that I can arrange to have Mr.
07 Ploss here. And depending on his schedule, I had talked to
08 -- I don't know at this point precisely when Mr. Ploss
09 would be available, so we may want to do some juggling
10 around the dates on which we would be called or I could
11 present John Renning from the Bureau as a substitute,
12 depending on how you would prefer to handle it.

13 MR. SCHULZ: I indicated to Mr Turner that Mr. Renning
14 was certainly satisfactory to me.

15 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Looking at the schedule --
16 The reason I hesitate, we have heard already how much
17 time people have requested in advance, and then it goes far
18 beyond. So that is why I was hesitating. I was going to
19 say, I doubt if we'd get to you tomorrow. Maybe we can
20 specify a time certain first thing Thursday morning, if that
21 would facilitate your getting your witness here.

22 MR. TURNER: I would appreciate that, just set a
23 definite time. I will then run out and make sure that Mr.
24 Ploss can be available, or let you know if that somehow he
25 would for some reason be scheduled for something else.

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01 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Does anyone have any
02 comments on scheduling the Bureau for first thing Thursday
03 morning?

04 Ms. Schneider.

05 MS. SCHNEIDER: Mr. Stubchaer, first thing Thursday
06 morning would be fine. We are very anxious that we have an
07 opportunity to cross Mr. Ploss since he is the one who is
08 intimately involved in the negotiations.

09 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: You want Mr. Ploss, not Mr.
10 Renning?

11 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes.

12 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Could you check, Mr.
13 Turner, and advise us of his availability? We can squeeze

14 him in tomorrow, too, if tomorrow was --
15 MR. TURNER: I will check on that right now and report
16 back immediately.
17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: We will take care of your
18 exhibits, those that we have already identified, we will
19 take care of them on your direct.
20 MR. TURNER: I will formally introduce at that point.
21 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: You don't want to
22 cross-examine?
23 MR. TURNER: No.
24 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Let's take our afternoon
25 12-minute break right now.

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01 (Break taken.)
02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: We will come back to order.
03 Cross-examination by Ms. Murray, Fish and Game.
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05 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
06 BY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
07 BY MS. MURRAY
08 MS. MURRAY: This is Nancee Murray for the Department
09 of Fish and Game. First, I have a few questions for Mr.
10 Nuzum.
11 Mr. Nuzum, you testified on direct that you believed
12 fall-run salmon fry are pulled into the South Delta by the
13 Delta Wetlands Project.
14 Do you recall that?
15 MR. NUZUM: I believe they could be, yes.
16 MS. MURRAY: Do you believe that fry may be more
17 susceptible to project operations due to poor swimming
18 ability even though they are not actually out-migrating?
19 MR. NUZUM: Yes, I do.
20 MS. MURRAY: You testified that the outmigration of
21 fall-run salmon fry from the east side tribs and San Joaquin
22 River peaks in February and March.
23 Do you recall that?
24 MR. NUZUM: Yes, I recall that.
25 MS. MURRAY: You also testified that diversion

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01 restrictions in the April and May will not sufficiently
02 protect these fry; is that correct?
03 MR. NUZUM: That is true. It is especially true in
04 a normal and a wet year. Usually not the case in a very low
05 water year.
06 MS. MURRAY: Do you believe screening Delta Wetlands'
07 diversions will sufficiently protect these fry?
08 MR. NUZUM: I do not.
09 MS. MURRAY: Why not?
10 MR. NUZUM: I don't think that the fear of the Delta
11 Wetlands Project is to entrain it to the screen or
12 impingement and, therefore, a loss that would result. I
13 think that the main problem is that they are going to
14 entrain the fish and other invertebrates to the area of that
15 screen or screens.
16 MS. MURRAY: Delta Wetlands testified earlier that fry
17 are associated with shoreline habitat because they are
18 rearing and not actively immigrating.

19 Do you believe that this might make fry even more
20 vulnerable than smolts or yearlings to the indirect effects
21 of the project, specifically entrainment at unscreened
22 diversions along the stream bank and interest of the
23 predator congregation, as you testified?
24 MR. NUZUM: Yes. That is exactly correct.
25 MS. MURRAY: In your testimony you stated, in fact, the
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01 Delta conditions for salmonid are widely acknowledged to
02 worsen in June and July due to elevated water temperatures,
03 great fish predators, entrainment rate, and consequent
04 higher feeding activity.
05 Do you recall that?
06 MR. NUZUM: I do recall that, yes.
07 MS. MURRAY: Is it your professional opinion that the
08 Delta Wetlands Project could impact juvenile out-migrating
09 chinook salmon in June and July?
10 MR. NUZUM: It is.
11 MS. MURRAY: Are you familiar with the term chinook
12 criteria in the Final Operations Criteria?
13 MR. NUZUM: Yes.
14 MS. MURRAY: Given that you testified that temperatures
15 over 60 degrees Fahrenheit could be harmful to gravid adult
16 salmon females carrying eggs, do you believe that allowing
17 stream channel temperatures to increase by another four
18 degrees temperature could significantly impact migrating
19 gravid adults?
20 MR. NUZUM: This is somewhat speculative, in my
21 opinion. But I think it is going to depend on the condition
22 of that female salmon and length of the delay. I believe
23 that if they end up in southern channels, Old River and
24 Middle River, or somewhere in and around one of those
25 islands, not specifically the four Delta islands, but all of
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01 those islands between the southern part of the Delta and the
02 northern part of Delta and delay ends up being several
03 weeks, you could have a substantial problem with eggs within
04 those female salmon.
05 I don't believe -- although I think it can be done, I
06 don't know of any study that has looked at that particular
07 impact.
08 MS. MURRAY: Would you agree that project induced
09 temperature increases, given the initial receiving water
10 temperature levels, can add additional stress, and even
11 kill, juvenile salmon?
12 For example, under the Final Operations Criteria, at
13 temperature of 65 degrees, you can have a four-degree
14 increase of up 69.
15 MR. NUZUM: Frankly, I don't believe that 69 degrees is
16 going to kill juvenile salmon. But I think you're certainly
17 stressing them when you get up in elevated temperatures like
18 that; and you make them more prone to a lot of other factors
19 that are not going to be conducive to them being able to
20 complete their life cycle and end up dying.
21 MS. MURRAY: Would one of those stressors be a
22 decreased ability to fight off predators?
23 MR. NUZUM: Absolutely.

24 MS. MURRAY: Is it your opinion that this project could
25 increase the predations on these juvenile salmon?

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01 MR. NUZUM: Yes, it is.

02 MS. MURRAY: Number of predators?

03 MR. NUZUM: The number of predators? Well, I think a
04 number of predators is going to be governed by the habitat
05 that holds them, and it is going to be governed by the food
06 source that they find available.

07 I think that the project facilities and the way they
08 have discussed the way it would operate, I think that those
09 are dangerous conditions for small fish.

10 MS. MURRAY: If, as you testified, this would increase
11 the stress, would that decrease their swimming ability?

12 MR. NUZUM: It would.

13 MS. MURRAY: If there are unscreened diversions, could
14 that draw them into those unscreened diversions if they
15 aren't able to swim away, like they might otherwise?

16 MR. NUZUM: Unscrened diversions at some other place?

17 MS. MURRAY: Right. Now that they have been drawn into
18 that part of the Delta.

19 MR. NUZUM: Absolutely.

20 MS. MURRAY: You testified on direct that this Board
21 should consider whatever additional corrective actions are
22 necessary to protect the anadromous salmonid using the east
23 tribs in the San Joaquin system.

24 Do you recall that?

25 MR. NUZUM: I do recall that.

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01 MS. MURRAY: Is it your opinion that there should be a
02 mechanism for altering Delta Wetlands' diversion and
03 discharge criteria based on the results of the monitoring
04 that you suggested?

05 MR. NUZUM: Yes, that is the idea.

06 MS. MURRAY: One last question.

07 Do you think that the Delta Wetlands Project could
08 erode the environmental baseline gained by the Delta Accord
09 even if it operates within the Water Quality Control Plan?

10 MR. NUZUM: That is a difficult question, obviously. I
11 am afraid that it may, yes.

12 MS. MURRAY: Mr. Buck, I have one question for you.

13 In your direct testimony you stated that you believed
14 that CUWA testimony had demonstrated that harm from the
15 water quality degradation and fisheries impact is likely.

16 Do you recall that?

17 MR. BUCK: Yes.

18 MS. MURRAY: You then requested the Board to deny the
19 permit or include the terms and conditions in CUWA Exhibit
20 2.

21 Is that correct?

22 MR. BUCK: That's correct.

23 MS. MURRAY: These terms and conditions do not
24 specifically address fishery impacts. Is it your opinion
25 that this Board should include those permit conditions

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01 described by Mr. Nuzum during his direct testimony?

02 MR. BUCK: Yes.

03 MS. MURRAY: Thank you. I just wanted to clarify
04 that.

05 If you could put up Exhibit 6E, the revised.

06 Dr. Losee, given your testimony on the timing of Delta
07 Wetlands' discharges and the release of potentially higher
08 levels of plant biomass in the summer, what is your opinion
09 regarding the potential for increases in biological oxygen
10 demand in the channel receiving waters during the summer
11 discharges?

12 DR. LOSEE: Given that there will be higher levels of
13 organic matter, there will be additional loading or demand
14 for oxygen in that water.

15 MS. MURRAY: What effects on channel dissolved oxygen
16 would you expect from the release of Delta Wetlands'
17 discharges?

18 DR. LOSEE: It is likely that there would be some
19 depression. How much, I can't say.

20 MS. MURRAY: In your direct testimony you stated that
21 Delta Wetlands assumed constant biomass figure, and I think
22 November through January, and that discharges would instead
23 occur during the summer, resulting in potentially greater
24 TOC impacts than previously assumed by Delta Wetlands.

25 Do you recall that?

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01 DR. LOSEE: That is correct.

02 MS. MURRAY: Would you similarly expect summer
03 discharges to have a greater impact on the biological oxygen
04 demands than previously assumed by Delta Wetlands?

05 DR. LOSEE: To be honest, I haven't assessed Delta
06 Wetlands' assessment of that point. I can say, though, that
07 I would expect there would be more biological oxygen demand
08 as of result of that increase organic carbon loading.

09 MS. MURRAY: Would you say the same -- what would you
10 say about dissolved oxygen regarding the --

11 DR. LOSEE: In that case, the dissolved oxygen levels
12 would be decreased.

13 MS. MURRAY: And in recent years the Delta has been
14 subject to large scale blooms of filamentous algae called
15 melosira. Do large scale blooms cause increases in TOC?

16 DR. LOSEE: They can cause what are often short-term
17 increases in TOC, yes.

18 MS. MURRAY: Could blooms be expected to occur in these
19 reservoirs?

20 DR. LOSEE: Yes.

21 MS. MURRAY: What impacts -- Mr. Nuzum, you may help.
22 What impacts to fishes might happen when the water is
23 released back into the Delta?

24 DR. LOSEE: One point that we did discuss is that with
25 increased organic carbon loading there will be increased

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01 oxygen demands, resulting in some decrease in the oxygen
02 concentration.

03 MS. MURRAY: What impact might that have on fish?

04 MR. NUZUM: I believe that the biological oxygen demand
05 is going to increase. We heard that described. I think
06 that the Biological Opinions were quite factual when they
07 talked about a concern of being 6 milligrams per liter as a

08 stressor. And the fact that in the discharge areas, in
09 particular, there could be impacts associated with having DO
10 levels that are below 6. And, in fact, it would be a
11 stressor and you would put those fish in jeopardy.

12 I think the Biological Opinion felt that the way the
13 project would operate it may not go as far as what they
14 consider "jeopardy."

15 In my opinion, if you are going to put them at that
16 particular level for any sustainable period of time, you put
17 them in jeopardy.

18 MS. MURRAY: Thank you very much for your answer.

19 Dr. Shum, I have just one question.

20 You testified that water in the Delta Wetlands'
21 reservoirs would increase the salinity because of the
22 evaporation, and you also testified that the salinity in the
23 Delta channels, during filling, would be higher than the
24 salinity of the receiving channel in July and August.

25 Is that correct?

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01 DR. SHUM: That's correct.

02 MS. MURRAY: Could allowing topping off in the
03 reservoirs in the months such as June, July, and August
04 decrease the salinity increases?

05 DR. SHUM: Yes, it would.

06 MS. MURRAY: Thank you. No further questions.

07 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Mr. Jackson.

08 Yes, Mr. Turner.

09 MR. TURNER: Jim Turner for the Bureau of Reclamation.

10 I spoke to Mr. Ploss after our last conversation, and
11 he would not be available on Thursday, but tomorrow
12 afternoon he could make himself available, if we can give
13 him some kind of approximate time. The later in the
14 afternoon the better, so we would be able to establish some
15 kind of time at this point.

16 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: 3:00 late enough?

17 MR. TURNER: 3:00, I am sure that would be fine if that
18 is acceptable to you and the other parties?

19 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Any objections to Mr. Ploss
20 at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon?

21 We will do that.

22 MR. TURNER: Thank you very much.

23 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Afternoon.

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01 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES

02 BY CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE

03 BY MR. JACKSON

04 MR. JACKSON: Michael Jackson, representing California
05 Sportsfishing Protection Alliance. And we just saved a lot
06 of time, Mr. Stubchaer.

07 Could we have that chart, that last one, back up again,
08 6E?

09 Mr. Nuzum, calling your attention to that particular
10 chart and the end of the summer period, when the line begins
11 to go down, what is present in the Delta at that point? Are
12 there spring-run fry present in the Delta?

13 MR. NUZUM: Yes. There could be spring-run fry.
14 MR. JACKSON: There would be juveniles of other
15 particular salmonid races in the system?
16 MR. NUZUM: Juveniles, yes. You could have other
17 juveniles in the system.
18 MR. JACKSON: Some of them could be winter-run.
19 MR. NUZUM: Some could be winter-run.
20 MR. JACKSON: As this -- Dr. Losee, as this chart drops
21 off, is the plant biomass, at this point, dying? Is that
22 what is happening?
23 DR. LOSEE: Some plant biomass is dying at all times.
24 When the biomass level decreases, what we are seeing is the
25 degradation of the organic matter and newly formed organic
1258 matter exceeds the production rates.
01 MR. JACKSON: So, according to this chart, at the time,
02 there would be spring-run fry in the system; and at the end
03 of this discharge period, the water would be discharged into
04 the channels and this is precisely the time that there would
05 be more decay in the biomass content; is that right?
06 DR. LOSEE: That is essentially correct.
07 MR. JACKSON: That decay causes increase in oxygen
08 demand?
09 DR. LOSEE: That is fair to say, yeah.
10 MR. JACKSON: And Mr. Nuzum, are there presently
11 situations in which you know that an increased biological
12 oxygen demand has caused fish kills?
13 MR. NUZUM: Yes.
14 MR. JACKSON: And those fish kills have resulted in
15 major damage to fisheries in California at various times, in
16 your experience?
17 MR. NUZUM: Yes, they have.
18 MR. JACKSON: Do we know exactly where the fish are in
19 the channels at this discharge period of time? Did we know
20 that, for instance, in the two islands in which the water is
21 going to be released, do we know where the Delta smelt will
22 be at that point?
23 MR. NUZUM: I don't know the answer to that.
24 MR. JACKSON: Do we know where the spring-run salmon
1259 would be at that point?
01 MR. NUZUM: I don't know the answer to that.
02 MR. JACKSON: Do you know that anybody does, where
03 these fish are in the Delta?
04 MR. NUZUM: Well, I think the trawling would pick up
05 the Delta smelt. I don't think anybody knows really where
06 winter-run are at that particular time.
07 MR. JACKSON: Now, these algae blooms, do high
08 temperatures have an additional effect on them?
09 MR. NUZUM: They can.
10 MR. JACKSON: And anybody else who wants to jump in.
11 DR. LOSEE: I am afraid you have to be more specific.
12 Temperature can affect a lot of different things.
13 MR. JACKSON: What are the conditions that cause the
14 algae blooms?
15 DR. LOSEE: There are some knowns that are clear.
16 Those are nutrient availability and abundant life.
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18 MR. JACKSON: Aren't these islands creating those
19 conditions?
20 DR. LOSEE: I would say they are, yes.
21 MR. JACKSON: There are -- what is your understanding
22 of the depth of the water on these islands?
23 DR. LOSEE: As I understand it, when the reservoirs are
24 full, the depth will be, I guess, a mean of 20 or 22 feet,
25 somewhere in that neighborhood.

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01 MR. JACKSON: The light would be reaching, at that
02 point, down pretty much all the way to the bottom?
03 DR. LOSEE: It probably will vary over time and
04 depending on conditions. It can have a fairly deep
05 penetration. There are other conditions where it wouldn't
06 be deep. Depending on the, for example, the kind of alga
07 bloom, it maybe taking place within the water column.
08 MR. JACKSON: So, if there is more of an alga bloom,
09 they would reach less deep?
10 DR. LOSEE: Unfortunately, it's a little bit more
11 complex than that. If there are blue-green algae like the
12 called Apharazomenon, that algae tends to form kind of like
13 flakes. In that case you may have very high biomass. But
14 since the biomass isn't clumped together, there are a lot of
15 open spaces between the particles of biomass. So you can
16 have very deep penetration of light in that case.
17 In other cases you may have algae which are just single
18 cells alone and high biomass of that material can be more
19 uniformly distributed throughout the water column and have
20 less penetration, in that case.
21 MR. JACKSON: When you release, when this water is
22 discharged through the pumps or through the siphons, however
23 they release it, the algae growth goes with it in the water
24 column?
25 DR. LOSEE: The algae in the water column would, sure.

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01 MR. JACKSON: Then it is out in the channels?
02 DR. LOSEE: Yes.
03 MR. JACKSON: If it is higher than the ambient release,
04 would you expect the amount of algae to be higher than the
05 ambient water that is released into it?
06 DR. LOSEE: The biomass that I am referring to in this
07 diagram includes all sources of biomass. So it is not just
08 the algae that are in the water column, the phytoplankton.
09 MR. JACKSON: That is what would be released?
10 DR. LOSEE: That's correct.
11 MR. JACKSON: Have you done any examination of whether
12 or not that would result in increased levels of material,
13 reactive material, that would need oxygen at the point of
14 release?
15 DR. LOSEE: It would be organic matter, and that
16 organic matter would be subject to degradation, and that
17 degradation would consume oxygen.
18 MR. JACKSON: Now, Mr. Nuzum, when you release water
19 into a slow moving channel, what do the fish do when all of
20 a sudden there is water coming in?
21 MR. NUZUM: Usually, they are attracted to it,
22 especially if it is high in nutrients.

23 MR. JACKSON: So you would expect the fish in the
24 channel to approach the release point?
25 MR. NUZUM: I would.

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01 MR. JACKSON: And if that water then is demanding more
02 oxygen because of the amount of material, biological
03 material, carbon material, that is in it, it would be taking
04 water from the place where the fish were attracted to. Is
05 that correct?
06 MR. NUZUM: Yes, that is correct.
07 MR. JACKSON: So, in other words, these release points
08 will be a fish attractant -- by the way, it is not just the,
09 say, spring-run fry, it would also attract all fish, right,
10 the predator fish?
11 MR. NUZUM: Right.
12 MR. JACKSON: We have at these discreet release points
13 something that attracts the fish, depletes the oxygen, and
14 brings in their predators?
15 MR. NUZUM: That is correct.
16 MR. JACKSON: Would you expect that there could be site
17 specific problems caused by such a release at a period of
18 relatively high ambient temperatures, relatively high
19 nutrient values, and relatively high predator counts that
20 could affect chinook salmon fry and juveniles that are in
21 the area?
22 MR. NUZUM: Yes. I believe my direct testimony was to
23 that effect.
24 MR. JACKSON: Now, have these algae blooms taken place
25 in the Delta just sort of normally, without the Delta
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01 Wetlands Project?
02 MR. NUZUM: Yes. There are algae blooms in the Delta.
03 MR. JACKSON: Have they had effect on fish, to your
04 knowledge?
05 MR. NUZUM: I can't answer that question.
06 MR. JACKSON: When you indicated to Fish and Game that
07 there was certain standards which, in your mind, should be
08 set for these releases, were you talking about the pH
09 standards?
10 MR. NUZUM: I was not.
11 MR. JACKSON: Do you believe there ought to be pH
12 standards for the released water?
13 MR. NUZUM: Well, I think the releases should certainly
14 stay within the limit imposed by the Basin Plan.
15 MR. JACKSON: You do believe that the Basin Plan and
16 its standards are important in this situation for the
17 protection of winter-run, spring-run, fall-run chinook
18 salmon?
19 MR. NUZUM: I think they are important for aquatic in
20 general.
21 MR. JACKSON: Would you expect that they would be
22 within the temperature limits of the Basin Plan?
23 MR. NUZUM: I don't know the answer to that.
24 MR. JACKSON: Would you expect that it would be prudent
25 to have a biological oxygen demand limit so that we weren't
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01 releasing water in a situation which we were going to cause

02 high BOD?

03 MR. NUZUM: My assessment was that that was what these
04 biologists had in mind when they developed Biological
05 Opinions. They talked about the dissolved oxygen levels and
06 the fact that, in their Biological Opinions, they did not
07 want to see it reach a stressor level of 6.

08 I thought that was what they were getting at. They
09 want to see it at 6 or above, so that, therefore, becomes a
10 standard of sorts.

11 MR. JACKSON: You think it ought to be a hard numerical
12 standard?

13 MR. NUZUM: Yes, I think it should be.

14 MR. JACKSON: Thank you.

15 I have no further questions of Mr. Nuzum. I have one
16 or maybe two for Mr. Buck.

17 Mr. Buck, if I understood your testimony correctly,
18 you indicated that for quality and price reasons, you did
19 not see the Delta Wetlands Project as a likely candidate to
20 solve the CUWA water supply problems?

21 MR. BUCK: Or any portion thereof, yeah.

22 MR. JACKSON: Calling your attention to Section 1264 of
23 the Water Code, these are the application requirements, it
24 says that if, for municipal water supply, the application
25 shall state the present population to be served, and as near
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01 as may be the future requirements of the city.

02 Are you saying that this application cannot use your
03 populations as the populations to be served because there is
04 no likelihood at all that you would be using this water in
05 the future?

06 MR. BUCK: I don't think we can categorically state
07 that. From our position at this time, we don't see the
08 water quality being such that we would want to see it
09 imported, and we don't see that it would be produced in a
10 manner that would competitive with other transfer water that
11 we might be seeking.

12 MR. JACKSON: If, in fact, this water was going to be
13 used for municipal purposes, is there a time in which you
14 would expect all 400,000 acre-feet of it to be used for
15 municipal purposes?

16 MR. BUCK: The amounts and times would vary if the
17 proper quality conditions were met and if the environment
18 were such that this was the most competitively priced water
19 out there. But I couldn't see moving that amount of water
20 in any period of time.

21 MR. JACKSON: And you may not be the right person to
22 answer this question. This may not be the right panel. But
23 there was testimony originally, at the time Delta Wetlands
24 put on their case, that this water was going to be wheeled
25 through the State Water Project facility.

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01 If this water was not useful for you in terms of your
02 municipal needs because of quality, would there be some
03 indirect damage to your customers by the tying up of the
04 wheeling capacity for water that was of insufficient quality
05 to do you any good?

06 MR. BUCK: I don't know that the tying up of the

07 wheeling capacity would necessarily be a problem. What
08 would be a problem is that water being introduced and it
09 would degrade the water quality reaching the municipal users
10 down line.

11 MR. JACKSON: Thank you very.

12 I have no further questions.

13 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Any other than staff who
14 wishes to cross-examine this panel?

15 Seeing none, staff.

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17 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
18 BY STAFF

19 MR. SUTTON: Jim Sutton.

20 Mr. Nuzum, in your oral testimony you talked about the
21 need for extensive monitoring and testing around the
22 facilities. You didn't go into detail on that.

23 Can you describe some of the sorts of -- I assume you
24 are talking primarily about fishery monitoring.

25 MR. NUZUM: That's correct.

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01 MR. SUTTON: What sort of monitoring programs would you
02 envision this Board requiring should it issue a permit for
03 the project?

04 MR. NUZUM: I think the diversion facilities and at
05 points to be, hopefully, decided between the resource
06 agencies and the project applicant, that the Board would
07 request or require that they monitor before, during, and
08 after all of the diversion points, diversion to the island
09 diverse points; that they establish a monitoring program
10 that would indicate predators; and that, in addition to the
11 predators, I think, in fact, I know I recommended that they
12 also do some stomach analysis to indicate the size of the
13 prey and the numbers of prey, et cetera. So that we come up
14 with quantitative assessments of what prey was being taken
15 by what.

16 MR. SUTTON: Mr. Krasner, just clarification. You
17 testified concerning sources of bromine in Silverwood
18 Reservoir?

19 MR. KRASNER: Bromide.

20 MR. SUTTON: What are the sources of those bromides?

21 MR. KRASNER: The Delta.

22 MR. SUTTON: When you say "the Delta," do you mean it
23 is only from the ocean?

24 MR. KRASNER: The saltwater intrusion is the major
25 source of bromide in the Delta. There are some minor

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01 sources of bromide, but in terms of the mass loading, the
02 majority of it is in the saltwater intrusion.

03 MR. SUTTON: Depending on the time of year, is there
04 loading with return flows from, say, the agricultural return
05 flows in San Joaquin River?

06 MR. KRASNER: I don't really know too much about the
07 levels of bromide in the San Joaquin River. The databases
08 that we have established in terms of studying the bromides
09 have primarily been in the western Delta; and those sources
10 have definitely been due primarily to saltwater intrusion.

11 MR. SUTTON: Thank you.

12 Mr. Buck, I would like to get a couple more
13 clarifications on your proposed standards. You're proposing
14 both the diversion limit and a discharge limit of water
15 quality.

16 Is that correct?

17 MR. BUCK: Correct.

18 MR. SUTTON: If the discharge water quality requirement
19 is such that it is never worse than ambient conditions, why
20 do you need a diversion requirement?

21 MR. BUCK: Diverse requirement was to get the best
22 water quality possible. But the bottom line, if you will,
23 is the discharge and the triggering above ambient. That is
24 where injury would occur, and that would be the definition.
25 That is the most critical factor within there.

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01 DR. DENTON: I thought that -- this is Dr. Denton.

02 The idea is that if you do poor water quality you would
03 reach that situation; you could reach that situation very
04 quickly, where you wouldn't be able to discharge.

05 It was more protective of the Delta Wetlands'
06 operations rather than protecting us from water quality.

07 MR. SUTTON: But you would require them to be
08 restricted to taking water less often than, indeed, State
09 Water Project or Contra Costa would take it under those
10 conditions; is that correct?

11 DR. DENTON: That could have the effect or it might
12 just delay the period of time. At the moment, they are
13 tending to fill fairly quickly at the beginning of the wet
14 season. They might have to delay a bit until some of the
15 agricultural drainages had a chance to flush out and the
16 water quality is that good.

17 MR. SUTTON: In your CUWA Exhibit 2, Pages 10 and 11,
18 where you discuss those requirements, you have maximum
19 limitations for both TOC and TDS. You explained the reason
20 for the TDS maximum.

21 What is the basis for the TOC maximum of 10 milligrams
22 per liter?

23 DR. SHUM: I think that is the upper limit of what we
24 see at Banks. As shown in CUWA Exhibit 7, Figure 17, I
25 believe, the TOC level at Banks can be up to ten and a

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01 half.

02 MR. SUTTON: So, there is no health basis or anything,
03 simply a historical maximum, in essence?

04 DR. SHUM: I think Mr. Krasner is in a better position
05 to answer that. But in Stage I and Stage II of the DBP Rule
06 10.5 is much higher than the removal requirement is.

07 MR. KRASNER: When I showed the -- this is Stuart
08 Krasner. When I showed my CUWA Exhibit 5C, I actually only
09 summarized some of the total organic carbon removal
10 requirements. I actually in the full CUWA Exhibit 5 give
11 the full range of requirements, and that is Table 2. And if
12 the organic carbon level was above 8 milligrams per liter,
13 then the TOC removal requirement actually goes up to 40
14 percent.

15 But I was, for purpose of that exhibit, just focusing
16 on the lower and the median ranges of total organic carbon,

17 not the highest range. There are more significant health
18 impacts because, even if you had, let's say for example, 10
19 milligrams per liter of organic carbon in the raw water and
20 you could remove 40 percent of it, you would still have 6
21 milligrams per liter.

22 When you go to chlorinate that water, you would still
23 form significant levels of disinfection by-products. The
24 higher you are, even if you have a higher removal
25 requirement, you still end up with a significant amount
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01 after coagulation.

02 So it is anticipated that utilities with that high of a
03 level will probably have to put in other technology like
04 granular activated carbon or membranes to meet the second
05 stage. But in the interim, you would expose consumers to a
06 much higher level of by-products.

07 MR. SUTTON: Granted all that, I don't think it answers
08 my question.

09 MR. KRASNER: I'm sorry.

10 MR. SUTTON: My question was: What was the basis for
11 the 10 TOC? And I believe Mr. Buck said, basically -- one
12 of you said, basically, it was the -- I think it was Mr.
13 Shum said it was the historical maximum, essentially.

14 And you are saying that the requirements change at 8.
15 The obvious question: Why is it 10 and not 8?

16 DR. DENTON: I think we were tying it into the range of
17 variability that is being experienced at Banks pumping
18 plant. Anything outside of the range that is already
19 experienced should not be discharged.

20 MR. SUTTON: Your proposal also says that if the
21 ambient water TOC is above 10, that 10 becomes the limiting
22 -- would become the limiting standard on your proposed
23 requirement.

24 Would you want that to apply even if, given a
25 situation, for example, if ambient water was 11 and Delta
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01 Wetlands' reservoir water was 10.5, you would still want the
02 the prohibition against release?

03 DR. DENTON: The idea there was -- yes. At some stage
04 the island is going to be full of water of very high TOC.
05 And at that point, you could continue your analogy up and
06 say at some point it might be 20 TOC in the Delta. Should
07 Delta Wetlands be able to dump 20 TOC water back into the
08 Delta? So at some stage you need to be able to cap it, and
09 say it is not just that it should be relative to ambient; it
10 is producing a source of TOC into the Delta, and we cap that
11 at 10 TOC.

12 MR. SUTTON: We just went through this discussion with
13 Dr. Wolfe, which is, there is an additional TOC loading if
14 the ambient -- if the Delta water is not greater than the
15 ambient what? What I am saying is, what is the reason for a
16 10 TOC milligrams per liter maximum limit for discharge even
17 if the ambient water conditions are higher than 10?

18 DR. SHUM: I think when the Delta water gets to over 10
19 milligrams per liter TOC, the project may not be diverted at
20 that time; and to the maximum extent, to wait until the
21 Delta water quality improves.

22 I don't believe the 10 milligrams per liter TOC would
23 last for an extended period of time in the Delta. And as a
24 consequence, if we have Delta Wetlands discharging, if the
25 Delta at Banks is at 15, just for example, that may last for
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01 a few days. And if Delta Wetlands' discharge up to 400, up
02 to 4,000 acre-foot of water at that concentration, that
03 would prolong the period of time when the project cannot
04 divert.

05 MR. SUTTON: If the projects are not diverting because
06 of high TOC, why would Delta Wetlands be discharging?

07 DR. SHUM: That is a good question.

08 MR. SUTTON: The argument doesn't follow as I
09 understand, unless I missing something. Unless they are
10 releasing water for environmental purposes, and that is your
11 concern, if the water is for export and it is better than
12 ambient quality, it should make no difference what the upper
13 limit on it is.

14 DR. SHUM: I think the other possible, like for other
15 customers.

16 MR. SUTTON: That is not covered under these permits or
17 EIR?

18 DR. SHUM: I am referring to if Delta Wetlands is
19 discharging for wheeling by the Banks and California
20 aqueduct for other customers at other parts.

21 MR. SUTTON: Well, I think we are going to have to
22 assume that we do something. I'm not totally clear on
23 exactly what the restrictions would be under these things,
24 as to which would control.

25 DR. DENTON: Let me just clarify. It seems to me what
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01 Dr. Wolfe was saying that if Delta Wetlands was discharging
02 ambient conditions, then you wouldn't notice a change at the
03 Banks pumping plant.

04 However, I don't think he was saying, necessarily, that
05 adding from the island a discharge of water of a certain TOC
06 was not a load into the Delta. As Dr. Shum was explaining,
07 was if Delta Wetlands did start discharging water of a high
08 TOC into the Delta, that would maintain the TOC higher,
09 longer. It wouldn't necessarily increase it above 10 DOC.
10 It is still a load.

11 MR. SUTTON: Presumably, would your standard apply on a
12 monthly basis? On a daily basis? On a weekly average?
13 What?

14 DR. DENTON: We hadn't gone into the complete details.
15 We were thinking of it on a daily basis, that there could be
16 some averaging.

17 MR. SUTTON: If it was on a daily basis, would you ever
18 have the problem where you would be sustaining something
19 longer than you would otherwise?

20 DR. DENTON: If it took a month to discharge water from
21 the island of very high TOC, it could maintain that TOC at
22 higher levels for longer periods of time. What we would
23 ideally want is to have 4 TOC at Banks pumping plant.
24 Discharging at 10 or higher would then maintain the TOC
25 above 4 or at 10 for a longer period of time.

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01 MR. SUTTON: It wouldn't be discharging at any higher
02 than what the ambient water quality was?

03 DR. DENTON: Right.

04 MR. SUTTON: So it wouldn't be sustaining anything?

05 DR. DENTON: The ambient water quality is not of the
06 quality that we would be like to accept.

07 MR. KRASNER: Let me perhaps --

08 MR. SUTTON: If I understand it, there is a difference
09 between what you would like to have as opposed to the actual
10 requirements that you proposing for the operation of the
11 project?

12 DR. DENTON: I think there is -- what we ideally would
13 want to preserve is this 4 TOC that's been talked about a
14 lot today. And what we are saying is that there will be
15 times when the ambient water quality is above 4 and if at
16 that time the water quality in the reservoir is equal or
17 better than what is on the island, then that would be okay
18 to discharge.

19 However, you can't just keep raising that ambient and
20 raising and matching it against what is on the Delta
21 Wetlands' islands, because after a while that becomes a
22 significant load, additional load, TOC into the Delta.

23 MR. SUTTON: Thank you.

24 MR. CORNELIUS: Dave Cornelius, staff.

25 Focusing a little bit more on bromide and the problems
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01 that are associated with that when you are doing the
02 ozonation.

03 What is the threshold in the Delta for when bromides
04 become a problem?

05 MR. KRASNER: Well, I don't think we have actually had
06 a chance to experience the threshold yet. Since we have
07 been measuring bromides, they have always been relatively
08 high. Typically, the values that we have been measuring
09 tend to be of the order of around 150 to 500 micrograms per
10 liter of bromide at H.O. Banks. And I know the data from
11 Rock Slough can get up to something like about 700 or 800
12 micrograms per liter of bromide.

13 We, over the many years that we have been measuring
14 bromide, haven't really seen the low bromide levels. But
15 in terms of what we can see when we ozonate, we can see
16 significant amounts of bromate for all of these levels.

17 MR. CORNELIUS: Is it your testimony, then, that there
18 is always bromides?

19 MR. KRASNER: Well, there is always bromide. It
20 depends on whether you are -- one is complying with the
21 existing maximum contaminate level that has been agreed to,
22 the 10 micrograms per liter standard, which I showed in CUWA
23 Exhibit Number 5C, or whether we are looking at the Stage II
24 standard, which is proposed to be regulated to 5 micrograms
25 per liter. Then those lower bromide levels will be more

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01 problematic.

02 Again, if I just answer in terms of current treatment,
03 there are some of the lower levels of bromide that are
04 easier to treat to meet the 10 micrograms per liter
05 standard, but there are other times when there are higher

06 levels. That puts us over the 10; and with the 5 microgram
07 per liter standard, that is generally always difficult to
08 meet with the kinds of levels we see in the Delta.

09 MR. CORNELIUS: There isn't a possibility that a
10 prohibition on discharge of Delta Wetlands' water for sale
11 could eliminate your concerns for bromide?

12 MR. KRASNER: When I answered the question, I was
13 thinking directly just in terms of bromide with the
14 historical total organic carbon levels.

15 However, when we have, as I mentioned earlier, higher,
16 levels of total organic carbon, that will increase the
17 ozone demand. And because it increases the ozone demand to
18 still meet disinfection, you will see higher bromate
19 formation even at the same level of bromide.

20 So, it doesn't have to directly impact the bromide
21 concentration, but indirectly, because it increases ozone
22 demand, it results in higher bromate formation under those
23 circumstances.

24 MR. CORNELIUS: Again, there is no trigger or there is
25 no threshold that would --

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01 MR. KRASNER: The CUWA experts' panel, again Byron Buck
02 might be able to comment on that, did make a recommendation
03 on what bromate level they thought would be necessary. But
04 this was also looking at future requirements for an enhanced
05 water surface treatment where there would be additional
06 disinfection requirements.

07 MR. BUCK: Looking long-term, we'll need, if the
08 regulations go out to 5 micrograms per liter for bromate, we
09 will need much higher quality water than we are currently
10 getting out of the Delta. The point being, we've got a
11 problem now. We can't accept any more degradation.

12 MR. CORNELIUS: So there would be a problem now, in
13 your opinion?

14 MR. BUCK: If we go out to Stage II, yeah, we would be
15 forced to technology we can't determine are feasible at this
16 point or cost effective or not turn around and create other
17 problems like with reverse osmosis. If we had to go to that
18 technology, that would increase our water demand in the
19 Delta by 25 percent. So, to have a project pushing us in
20 that direction, the effect of the regulation and the
21 implementation of technology would negate any water supplied
22 through it.

23 MR. KRASNER: One of the points that was in the report
24 from the CUWA report was looking for both lower bromide
25 levels and lower total organic carbon levels. Even if you

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01 couldn't significantly reduce the salinity, you could
02 significantly reduce the organic carbon levels. That would
03 indirectly also include bromates. These two parameters are
04 linked.

05 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Mr. Canaday.

06 MR. CANADAY: Mr. Krasner, the current standards for
07 total organic carbon or THMs, is that the 1979 standard of a
08 hundred micrograms per liter?

09 MR. KRASNER: Correct. The only requirement was
10 trihalomethane in the 1979 rule.

11 MR. CANADAY: And these new proposed -- I am trying to
12 understand what happened last week that you were testifying
13 to that was agreed to or signed. If you can refresh my
14 memory or explain what happened last week.

15 MR. KRASNER: CUWA Exhibit 5C is a summary of the Stage
16 I requirements. The participants who negotiated the rule
17 have all signed an agreement in principle, and they have
18 finished developing all these standards. And that is going
19 to -- that new rule will be promulgated by November 1998.
20 Even though, strictly speaking, these are still proposed
21 standards, all of the stakeholders in the negotiated rule
22 making process have agreed to these numbers, so they are
23 going to be the numbers that EPA plans to promulgate. That
24 is just the column that is referred to as Stage I.

25 MR. CANADAY: What is the status of Stage II?
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01 MR. KRASNER: The Stage II, the 40 micrograms per liter
02 standard for trihalomethane was also agreed upon in 1993,
03 which was part of the 1994 proposed rule, is what is
04 referred to as a place holder. The specific language that
05 was agreed upon in 1993 is that if there are no new
06 negotiations to come out, a new Stage II level, the 40
07 microgram per liter standard, will be automatically the new
08 standard.

09 That had already been agreed upon as a standard that
10 will be in place unless there is new negotiations between
11 now and the time that is promulgated.

12 And then the other point that I made was there are
13 certain places in Stage I where some of the requirements go
14 beyond the 80, the 60 in terms of trihalomethane and
15 haloacetic acid, that do touch upon the Stage II standards.
16 One of the reasons was the EPA was actually deliberately
17 trying to encourage some utilities to move forward and meet
18 the Stage II standards at the same time they were meeting
19 the Stage I standards, so they wouldn't have to do capital
20 improvements twice. They could be rewarded by going to a
21 one stop, meeting the requirements now.

22 MR. CANADAY: That brings me to point. You testified
23 earlier, I believe, that if you were going to try to plan,
24 as a water finisher to meet the Stage I 80 micrograms per
25 liter criteria for trihalomethane, you, as a deliverer of
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01 water, would also add a 20 percent safety factor?

02 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

03 MR. CANADAY: That would give you around 64 micrograms
04 per liter. As Stage II becomes effective and the criteria
05 is 40 micrograms per liter, and with that 20 percent factor,
06 roughly 32 microgram per liter will be the target for which
07 you will shoot. Given the current technology of your
08 finishing water, you won't be able to meet that criteria
09 even without the Delta Wetlands Project, given the quality
10 of the water you are accepting now; is that correct?

11 MR. KRASNER: You're referring to the data that I
12 showed in the other CUWA exhibit?

13 MR. CANADAY: I can refer to an exhibit, we can talk
14 about 5H. That happens to deal with the 90 percentile
15 bromide.

16 MR. KRASNER: Or CUWA Exhibit 5B.
17 Well, let me answer that question. For utilities that
18 install enhanced coagulation, they will be able to comply
19 with the Stage I standard. But in most instances,
20 especially for treating Delta water, that would not be
21 adequate to meet the Stage II standards. You are correct in
22 that.
23 And that is why some of the utilities in CUWA are
24 looking at also ozone as another technology that could
25 potentially meet Stage II requirements.

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01 MR. CANADAY: And also, I guess, we can talk about 5B.
02 We are talking -- the question I have is the trihalomethane
03 representative for the H.O. Banks bar graph, that data
04 represents without the Delta Wetlands Project?

05 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

06 MR. CANADAY: Given that data as well, either for
07 bromide or trihalomethanes certainly will be a test of your
08 facilities to meet Stage I. But the reality is Stage II,
09 that you will have to incur capital costs in retrofitting to
10 meet those standards without the Delta Wetlands Project. Is
11 that correct?

12 MR. KRASNER: Well, perhaps. Maybe refer the question
13 to Byron Buck.

14 One reason is while California Urban Water Agencies are
15 currently putting in place technologies that comply with the
16 Stage I standard, one of the reasons for preparing the
17 CUWA experts' report and providing that information to
18 different parties -- maybe Byron can finish what I am about
19 to say.

20 MR. BUCK: All things being equal, nothing changes.
21 There's going to have to be some additional investments to
22 meet the future standards. We are simply looking at the
23 CAL/FED project to provide better water quality that would
24 forestall some of these investments that might be infeasible
25 to put in.

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01 So, what we are talking about here, though, is
02 regardless of all that, we've got an incremental impact in
03 the Delta Wetlands Project, essentially an uncompensated
04 cost that is being put upon us, in any instance. That is a
05 shift of cost onto someone else, away from the applicant.

06 MR. CANADAY: I am trying to understand how the cost of
07 the Delta Wetlands Project is going to be shifted to the
08 finishing of water. 2002 will be here shortly. Under the
09 most opportunistic time frame, with a two-year buildout in
10 permitting by this agency, 2002 seems like a pretty
11 reasonable time that that project would possibly come on
12 line. By the year 2002, you will already have had to have
13 made a capital investment to finish these waters to meet
14 treatment criteria already.

15 MR. BUCK: The capital costs, yes. But there is
16 additional operational cost for higher TOC, which can be
17 chlorine demand --

18 MR. CANADAY: I understand that.

19 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: One at a time, please.

20 MR. BUCK: There certainly will have to be capital

21 investment, regardless of Delta Wetlands. But there will be
22 an incremental impact on treatment costs, regardless of what
23 that investment has to be.

24 MR. KRASNER: This is just an additional comment. In
25 terms of, let's say for example, a system that installs
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01 ozone to try to meet those requirements, as I mentioned in
02 my direct testimony last week, we had estimated at
03 Metropolitan to install ozone at all five of our treatment
04 plants. Our original estimate was capital cost of
05 \$750,000,000. We then went back with a new figure of
06 \$500,000,000 which involved a lower ozone dosage. The lower
07 ozone dosage would be the minimum we would need to comply
08 with the disinfection requirements with the historical water
09 quality. If we had a higher organic carbon loading, we
10 would have to go and probably need additional capital
11 investment in more ozone equipment than with the latter
12 figure.

13 So, there could be additional capital costs. Let me --
14 sometimes I find it helpful, and I will make it a brief
15 example.

16 The City of Los Angeles put in an aqueduct filtration
17 plant based on treating Owens Valley water quality, which is
18 low in organic carbon. Back in the early nineties, when
19 they reduced how much of their water they could use and they
20 took large volumes of State Project water, that overwhelmed
21 the capacity of their ozone system to meet the demand based
22 on the equipment that they had in there for the Owens
23 Valley. So that was an instance where they did not -- they
24 couldn't just raise the dose; they had a capacity
25 limitation.

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01 MR. CANADAY: Back to your Exhibit 5H. So I understand
02 the graphic, the base condition is without Delta Wetlands;
03 is that correct?

04 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

05 MR. CANADAY: From there on with 8 milligrams, 16, 30,
06 is to represent certain loading that will take place with
07 the Delta Wetlands Project?

08 MR. KRASNER: Correct.

09 MR. CANADAY: Is 8 milligrams per liter statistically
10 different from the base condition?

11 MR. KRASNER: In terms of the 90th percentile, it is
12 significant in that -- was it significantly? Was that the
13 question?

14 I haven't done the rigorous statistical analysis.

15 MR. CANADAY: Is the 8 milligrams per liter
16 statistically different from the 16 milligrams per liter?

17 MR. KRASNER: Yes.

18 MR. CANADAY: At the uppermost part of the line?

19 MR. KRASNER: I believe also there are other parts of
20 the cumulative probability distribution that are
21 significantly different as well, such as the 75th
22 percentile.

23 MR. CANADAY: I would like to go to some of the other
24 exhibits so we have a better understanding of what they mean
25 or what they are trying to represent.

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01 I would like you to put up Exhibit 6E, the new 6E.
02 This graph was derived from Exhibit 6. It states at the
03 bottom -- Exhibit 6 is basically a narrative. It doesn't
04 provide a data set, to my knowledge, to generate a graph
05 like this; is that correct?

06 DR. LOSEE: I was able to do it.

07 MR. CANADAY: So there is a data point that represents
08 the peak?

09 DR. LOSEE: This is a conceptual graph.

10 MR. CANADAY: So, conceptually, is there a reason why
11 the discharge period would be above the line?

12 DR. LOSEE: I am sorry, do you mean, is there a reason
13 why in the cross-hatching, the top of the cross-hatch is
14 above the top of the --

15 MR. CANADAY: I am trying to understand the reason for
16 how this graph is, what it is trying to represent. And
17 other than a statement that late in the summer there is an
18 increase in plant biomass in the water column and that that
19 happens to coincide with the proposed discharge of the
20 Delta Wetlands, is it trying to say anything other than
21 that?

22 DR. LOSEE: It trying to say that, yes.

23 MR. CANADAY: Other than that, nothing else. The fact
24 that we have plant biomass there with no data points or
25 reference points to the Delta Wetlands' line as it

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01 represents how far it is below the peak, all this is is a
02 cartoon, if you will, of a narrative; is that correct?

03 DR. LOSEE: I would say that is correct. It represents
04 the change, the level of biomass and how that changes over
05 time. And that is the difference between conceptually what
06 happens in a real system versus what is assumed under the
07 Delta Wetlands model. The Delta Wetlands model doesn't
08 account for that time variability.

09 MR. CANADAY: I would like to refer you, the panel, to
10 Exhibit 6B. I am not sure who created this particular one.
11 The title is "Factors Influencing Water Column TOC."

12 Referring to the pore water circulation and the
13 bioturbation, where we have the answer no and check marks as
14 for relative importance.

15 My recollection is I heard testimony from Dr. Kavanaugh
16 regarding pore water circulation and bioturbation, that that
17 is very difficult to measure. Would that be -- in your
18 opinion, would that be true?

19 DR. LOSEE: I wouldn't term it very difficult to
20 measure. You have to do the proper experiments to measure
21 it.

22 MR. CANADAY: That could be on island?

23 DR. LOSEE: You could do it there, yeah. Do you want
24 me to design an experiment, I guess that is --

25 MR. CANADAY: That is not my question. I am trying to

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01 understand how difficult it is. This is a representative of
02 a criticism of that they didn't do it. I am trying to
03 understand how difficult it really is.

04 So, it's been weighted heavily in its importance. I am

05 trying to understand, as a staff, how we would get at that
06 information or how we might consider that information.

07 DR. LOSEE: Well --

08 DR. SHUM: For the test of bioturbation, there are
09 quite a number of papers that have been in the literature
10 for the past ten or twenty years to correlate the transport
11 of that -- due to that mechanism. To say compared to what
12 molecular diffusion, both actual measurement and theoretical
13 population.

14 MR. CANADAY: That leads me to a question, part of the
15 testimony, there was an example of an experiment in Florida
16 that was a shallow flooding of approximately 30,000
17 acres. And it was looking at productivity of algae, if I may
18 recollection serves me right.

19 Is that correct?

20 DR. LOSEE: Algae was a major component.

21 MR. CANADAY: Were there any replicates of that study?

22 DR. LOSEE: To be honest, I don't remember the details
23 of the study.

24 MR. CANADAY: I'm just curious. There were criticisms
25 of the Delta Wetlands' study for the lack of replications.

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01 But yet studies are cited to support a position, yet there
02 is no, necessarily, there is no replication of those
03 studies, as well. I am just trying to understand how the
04 playing field is.

05 DR. LOSEE: I actually answered that in some detail in
06 my testimony, my written testimony. For example, if you
07 have -- if you are not going to go to the expense of
08 dividing up that wetland into smaller sections, so you can
09 replicate, then, at the very least, you could have taken the
10 samples that were collected and composited for measurement
11 of organic carbon loading in the water column. The samples
12 were collected. They could have been measured individually.
13 Then there would have been some measure of error. There
14 would have been an error term in there, value for organic
15 carbon loading.

16 It is the common practice. In none of these estimates
17 that were produced in the EIR is there a way of determining
18 what the level is and at some determined level of
19 significance to know plus or minus how much. That wasn't
20 provided.

21 You asked earlier about the importance, where that may
22 have come from. I can read to you the summary of the
23 introduction to one of Dr. Kavanaugh's citations, talking
24 about flux rates. And in that, they very clearly indicate
25 what -- they discuss these different modes of transport.

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01 May I take a moment to do that?

02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I think Mr. Canaday was
03 thinking about the next question. And so you were just
04 volunteering this information. So I am going to allow Mr.
05 Canaday to go ahead.

06 DR. LOSEE: Okay.

07 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: You have the opportunity on
08 rebuttal and on redirect.

09 DR. LOSEE: Thank you.

10 MR. CANADAY: Dr. Shum, one of the things that was
11 striking about the testimony was some of the assumptions
12 made in the example of Bacon Island. And is it true that,
13 by any panelist here, that your estimate or assumptions of
14 organic, total organic loading or organic carbon loading was
15 based on the fact that the island was a hundred percent peat
16 or, in fact, if it isn't a hundred percent peat, was that
17 taken into account of your estimates of the loading factors?

18 DR. SHUM: Are you referring to Dr. Losee's written
19 exhibit? I think that was on Page 11 of the exhibit. Are
20 you referring to that particular equation?

21 MR. CANADAY: I just have it in my notes that it is a
22 question. I am trying to understand if, and when you are
23 doing your analysis, if, in fact, it could be Dr. Losee,
24 that you took into account that Bacon Island is not
25 represented as a totally peat island and, therefore, how did

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01 you account for the differences in a potential loading, mass
02 loading?

03 DR. LOSEE: I believe what you are saying is that if
04 you were to look at the island on an aerial basis, the
05 sediments on that island are not all what would be
06 classified as peat soil. Is that what you are saying?

07 MR. CANADAY: Yes.

08 DR. LOSEE: No. We didn't make any effort to account
09 for that distribution of soil types. We didn't do that.

10 MR. CANADAY: Thank you.

11 Mr. Krasner, lets pose a hypothetical. Let's assume
12 that at the pump that you do have a TOC of 4. I want to
13 understand there is no loading that is going to occur in the
14 canal that is going to transfer that water 400-some odd
15 miles and end in one of your terminal reservoirs. There is
16 loading, additional loading, that takes place?

17 MR. KRASNER: Well, the data that we have collected,
18 where we have collected samples at H.O. Banks, check point
19 13, and samples coming out of the reservoirs, we have not
20 seen the organic carbon levels go up.

21 MR. CANADAY: At all, significantly?

22 MR. KRASNER: At all. I think maybe Dr. Losee --

23 DR. LOSEE: I am sure that you would expect it to
24 either -- those systems, where you have flowing water, most
25 of the time the aqueduct itself, you wouldn't expect to see

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01 large increases in the reservoirs. The terminal reservoirs
02 in the systems are deep.

03 So there is opportunity for oxidation of organic matter
04 in those reservoirs.

05 MR. CANADAY: In the shallow portions of those
06 reservoirs, are they very steep banked so you could --

07 DR. LOSEE: As a matter of fact, they are.

08 MR. CANADAY: So there is no source control that the
09 parties, the CUWA agencies, can take within their own
10 systems to help source control? The example would be the
11 Etiwanda Reservoir that you used in Exhibit 18A where you
12 have the Cladophora problem. What other types of source
13 control do you need to take for your own facilities, or are
14 there any?

15 DR. LOSEE: I can say that in the case of Etiwanda
16 Reservoir they use management practices to control the
17 Cladophora as best as possible.

18 MR. BUCK: I would like to add, certainly there is
19 local source control measures at local watersheds that need
20 to be paid attention to. What we are saying, the numbers
21 don't change too much down the aqueduct. Further, there are
22 a number of CUWA agencies that are virtually directly
23 connected. They have no attenuation from reservoirs, so
24 they are going to deal with whatever is coming out of H.O.
25 Banks is what they are getting in their treatment plant.

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01 MR. CANADAY: Mr. Krasner, could you explain what the
02 Malcolm Pirnie Model is or that was used for the Delta
03 Wetlands' analysis?

04 MR. KRASNER: Yes. There have been many models
05 developed to predict trihalomethane formation, and they rely
06 on all the different parameters that impact the by-product
07 formation, the organic carbon loading, the ultraviolet
08 absorbance, which is a indication of a reactive fraction,
09 bromide, temperature, pH, and how much chlorine is applied.
10 Previously, Dr. Gary Amy had developed a model that had been
11 used by the EPA, a nationwide model, that was based
12 primarily on low bromide waters. That was not a good
13 indicator or predictive model for predicting THM formations
14 in the Delta.

15 We ran a series of experiments in Delta water for many
16 years to establish a database for them to develop a new set
17 of predictive equations that predicts trihalomethane
18 formations in Delta waters.

19 MR. CANADAY: Wasn't it the recommendation of you, or
20 other members of the water quality group, to use the
21 Malcolm-Pirnie Model in the analysis for the EIR?

22 MR. KRASNER: If my memory is correct, we had
23 recommended that their model or equation be used. However,
24 the model that was used in the EIR was actually the EPA
25 model using the equations that Dr. Amy had developed which
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01 had to underestimate THM formation in high bromide waters.

02 MR. CANADAY: But at the time, that is the model that
03 is recognized in protocol and recognized by EPA; is that
04 correct?

05 MR. KRASNER: For analysis of the central tendency
06 where in the United States most waters tend to be low
07 bromide water.

08 MR. CANADAY: That was the model that was recommended
09 to be used by you and others to the --

10 MR. KRASNER: No. I recommended they consider using
11 the Malcolm Pirnie equations, would be more robust. What I
12 did suggest is, if they wanted to use the full EPA model
13 with equations that Dr. Amy had developed, that they do an
14 analysis on a Delta user and look at what was the
15 underestimation, using that model. Perhaps at least
16 evaluate the data in context of that underestimation.

17 MR. CANADAY: In the range of underestimation, what are
18 we talking about percentagewise? How significant is that
19 underestimation? Do you know?

20 MR. KRASNER: I haven't looked at that in awhile, so I
21 don't remember. It tends to -- I think the central tendency
22 tends to be something like at least 20 or 30 percent.
23 MR. CANADAY: But you don't know for a fact what it is?
24 MR. KRASNER: I know it is at least that much.
25 MR. CANADAY: Thank you.

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01 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Ms. Leidigh?
02 MS. LEIDIGH: I'm not going to ask any questions.
03 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Ms. Forster, any
04 questions?
05 That concludes the cross-examination of this panel.
06 Mr. Roberts, do you have any redirect?
07 MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Stubchaer, I think I have two
08 questions.

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10 REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
11 BY MR. ROBERTS

12 MR. ROBERTS: Dr. Losee, was it your intent in your
13 testimony in exhibits to demonstrate a precise level of
14 primary productivity to be expected in the Delta Wetlands'
15 reservoirs?

16 DR. LOSEE: No, it wasn't at all. My intent was to
17 analyze, to assess, the analysis that was done and see if
18 there are any shortcomings. If there were, that -- may not
19 be the best way to address it. Was to assess how well they
20 did in estimating biomass in that case.

21 And my assessment was that because of the number of
22 problems with their experimental protocol or some
23 oversights, that they underestimated the amount. I don't
24 have that calculation for the precise amount, I can see that
25 because they overlooked some things that they underestimated

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01 the amount of photosynthetic production of organic carbon.

02 MR. ROBERTS: The types of things you looked at, then,
03 you weren't intending to put them out as the number?

04 DR. LOSEE: No, not at all. Because there -- I felt
05 there wasn't an adequate consideration of many factors. For
06 example, with the biomass I just provided some of the values
07 from the literature for habitats that are likely to occur in
08 the Delta islands.

09 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you.

10 Mr. Buck, has CUWA taken a position and participated in
11 other proceedings regarding the proposed projects which
12 could degrade the Delta and the source of drinking water
13 quality?

14 MR. BUCK: Yes, we have. In the past few years we have
15 been active in a number of projects, primarily at the EIR
16 phase. Sacramento Regional Sanitation District expansion,
17 we have been active with them wanting to limit TOC and TDS
18 impacts. We were very active in the West Sacramento
19 Wastewater Treatment Plant and Bloedel Wastepaper Recycling
20 Plant. Again, primarily a TDS. In some cases there was a
21 TOC impact. That project was not pursued, primarily based
22 upon our interests in that.

23 We also have certainly water quality interests in the
24 toxics issues related to ecosystem water quality.

25 MR. ROBERTS: I think that would conclude our direct
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01 case.
02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Anyone wish to recross
03 examine on these questions?
04 Mr. Nelson. Limited to the redirect.
05 MS. SCHNEIDER: What about the redirect that came in
06 with other people's friendly cross?
07 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Well, you had your
08 opportunity right then.
09 Are you talking about the answers, the lengthy answers
10 that you got when you were cross-examining?
11 MS. BRENNER: No, I am talking about the other people's
12 cross-examine?
13 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Please come up to the mike.
14 MS. BRENNER: What I am referencing is other parties'
15 cross-examination, which I would characterize as more a
16 redirect than cross.
17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Speaking specifically of
18 Mr. Maddow?
19 MS. BRENNER: Mr. Maddow wouldn't do that.
20 I will refrain from naming any particular party, but,
21 in general, we have very, very few recross, a couple
22 questions is all we are asking.
23 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: My question is, do you have
24 -- you have recross, but not limited to the redirect?
25 MS. BRENNER: Correct. I have one question limited to
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01 the redirect, specifically, yes. But we have some other
02 questions that are based on some of the cross developed by
03 other parties. That was actually utilizing some of our
04 cross questions, so I consider it redirect. Just didn't
05 happen to come from CUWA counsel, came from some other
06 members.
07 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I don't know. Time out.
08 (Discussion held off the record.)
09 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Back on the record.
10 It was a apparent that some parties, that some of the
11 questions which were asked on cross-examination were in the
12 nature of redirect. So, we will allow the recross
13 examination on questions asked by parties that were aligned
14 with CUWA.
15 MS. MURRAY: Can I have point of clarification as to
16 who might be --
17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I started to name names,
18 and I probably shouldn't have done that. I would say Contra
19 Costa Water District, East Bay MUD --
20 I think a lot of people asked questions that they
21 thought were helpful to the cases they were making, so there
22 is almost no end to it.
23 I know there will be an end to this.
24 Not you.
25 MS. MURRAY: For the Department of Fish and Game, I
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01 object to the Board going beyond its own rules and allowing
02 recross on issues that were not brought up on redirect.
03 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Your objection is noted.

04 Mr. Maddow, sorry I picked on you.
05 MS. BRENNER: We have conversed, and we would be happy
06 to limit our recross to redirect.
07 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Why didn't you say that to
08 begin with? Okay.
09 MR. MADDOW: Thank you.

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11 RE CROSS EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
12 BY DELTA WETLANDS PROPERTIES
13 BY MS. SCHNEIDER

14 MS. SCHNEIDER: I have just several questions related
15 to the terms that CUWA has requested. Again, there seems to
16 be a certain amount of confusion.

17 Mr. Buck, could you turn to Page 11 of CUWA Exhibit 2?

18 MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Stubchaer, I am not sure this is
19 redirect. I don't believe I asked Mr. Buck any questions
20 about the permit terms and conditions.

21 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: You know, I didn't take
22 notes on the four questions you asked.

23 Let's look at that exhibit and see if you can tie it to
24 the redirect, Ms. Schneider.

25 MR. ROBERTS: I would like to have the question read
1300 back.

01 (Record read as requested.)

02 MS. SCHNEIDER: I will go to the first question I
03 asked. I believe Mr. Losee intended to show a precise level
04 of primary productivity different on Delta Wetlands. My
05 question is:

06 Mr. Krasner, did you rely on Dr. Losee's imprecise
07 analysis to justify your 32 milligrams per liter assumption?

08 MR. KRASNER: I used his precise 32 milligrams per
09 liter level as one of the values that I used. I also used
10 --

11 MS. SCHNEIDER: That is all I asked.

12 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Does that conclude your
13 recross?

14 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes.

15 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Now the exhibits.

16 MR. NOME LLINI: Other parties on recross?

17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I am sorry, I didn't see
18 you raise your hand.

19 MR. NOME LLINI: I don't remember you asking.

20 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Sorry.

21 RE CROSS EXAMINATION OF CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER AGENCIES
22 BY CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY
23 BY MR. NOME LLINI

24 MR. NOME LLINI: Dante John Nomellini, Central Delta
1301 Water Agency, et al.

01 I believe on redirect the question was raised as to
02 what efforts were being made to avoid further degradation,
03 and there was talk about the Sacramento Wastewater Treatment
04 Plant and things of that type.

05 Am I correct that as part of your redirect I notice
06 there is no mention if any efforts to clean up the San
07 Joaquin River, remove the degradation on the San Joaquin
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09 River?
10 Is there a reason you are not looking at that
11 alternative?
12 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Where is that tied to?
13 MR. NOMELLINI: They were talking about the steps they
14 were taking to minimize TDS in their water supply. And they
15 mentioned working with treatment. I wanted to know why they
16 are not taking these others --
17 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: You can ask what they did.
18 MR. NOMELLINI: This is cross, right?
19 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Recross.
20 MR. NOMELLINI: I have a broad latitude.
21 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Start, Mr. Nomellini.
22 MR. NOMELLINI: Maybe I better shut up. This is
23 cross-examination, as I understand it, of the redirect, and
24 I have some broad latitude in that regard to go in those
25 other areas --
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01 MS. LEIDIGH: No.
02 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Recross examination, and
03 it's strictly limited to the redirect; and so I think an
04 appropriate question would be, "Did you look at San Joaquin
05 River?" but not, "Why didn't you look at the San Joaquin?"
06 MR. NOMELLINI: Did you look at the San Joaquin River
07 as an opportunity to avoid degradation in your water supply?
08 MR. BUCK: What we stated, we have been involved in a
09 lot of projects that have been proposed and put forward. I
10 didn't list the complete litany of them. We are involved in
11 the Grassland Bypass Project. CUWA quality exists to deal
12 with both projects down the line, about a year and a half.
13 We always are looking at programs, like I mentioned in my
14 testimony, the concept to reverse the degradation of water
15 and are very interested in all sorts of degradation and
16 bringing water quality on the San Joaquin and other places.
17 DR. NOMELLINI: Have you looked at increasing outflow
18 at times, have the criteria to reduce salinity and intrusion
19 into the Delta?
20 MR. BUCK: That is an unknown component. Reducing
21 salinity intrusion as the issue per se, we haven't. It is
22 certainly part of CAL/FED solution, to increase more storage
23 and provide outflow to help the salinity intrusion
24 problems. That is a known fact, yes.
25 MR. NOMELLINI: Have you looked at reverse osmosis as a
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01 selective process for particular treatment plants to create
02 a water source that could be blended with the raw Delta
03 supply?
04 MR. BUCK: Not in that sense, no. We certainly looked
05 at reverse osmosis as a technology. We might have to go
06 with using that on Delta water. That one has tremendous
07 redirected impact. There is rejection water. Reverse
08 osmosis loses 20 percent, and if we borrow that water, that
09 increases our demand tremendously. I don't think that
10 increased demand on the Delta is what anyone is looking
11 for.
12 MR. NOMELLINI: Would you have to RO all the water --
13 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: You have gotten beyond the

14 scope, Mr. Nomellini.

15 MR. NOMESELLINI: Thank you.

16 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Anyone else, recross?
17 Staff?

18 Okay. Now to get to the exhibits.

19 MR. ROBERTS: I would like to introduce 1 through 9.
20 Exhibits 5A through H, 6A through 6E. That would be the
21 revised 6E that we brought today. 7A through 7C. I believe
22 CUWA 12 would be the overhead that Dr. Shum used on his
23 cross-examination. CUWA 13, which I would propose be
24 submitted by reference, would be the DWR report, Delta
25 Island Drainage Investigation Report, June 1990.

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01 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: Objections.

02 Regarding the exhibits that go beyond the original
03 exhibits, those are, in my view, illustrative of some
04 concepts, but not hard evidence, and we will accept them in
05 the record as that and give weight to them considering that
06 fact.

07 And with that, are there any other objections?

08 The exhibits are received.

09 Thank you for your participation.

10 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you for your patience.

11 HEARING OFFICER STUBCHAER: I think we will go over the
12 procedure.

13 Tomorrow we will get into the direct testimony of
14 Contra Costa Water District, followed by East Bay Municipal
15 Utility District. We have the Department of the Interior
16 for time certain 3:00 p.m. California Department of Water
17 Resources, State Water Contractors, Fish and Game. We can't
18 do all three tomorrow, I don't think. Cal Spa, and on
19 Thursday we will be recessing at 3:30 to enable a couple of
20 us to catch our planes.

21 And so, I announced when we began this hearing that we
22 have the 29th 30th and 31st reserved, if necessary. That is
23 a week from today; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of next
24 week.

25 Staff. Do you have any announcements? Comments?

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01 Anyone have any questions about our procedure?

02 Okay. We are recessed until 9:00 a.m.

03 (Hearing adjourned at 4:45 p.m.)

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